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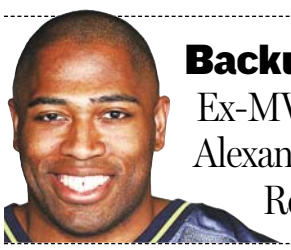

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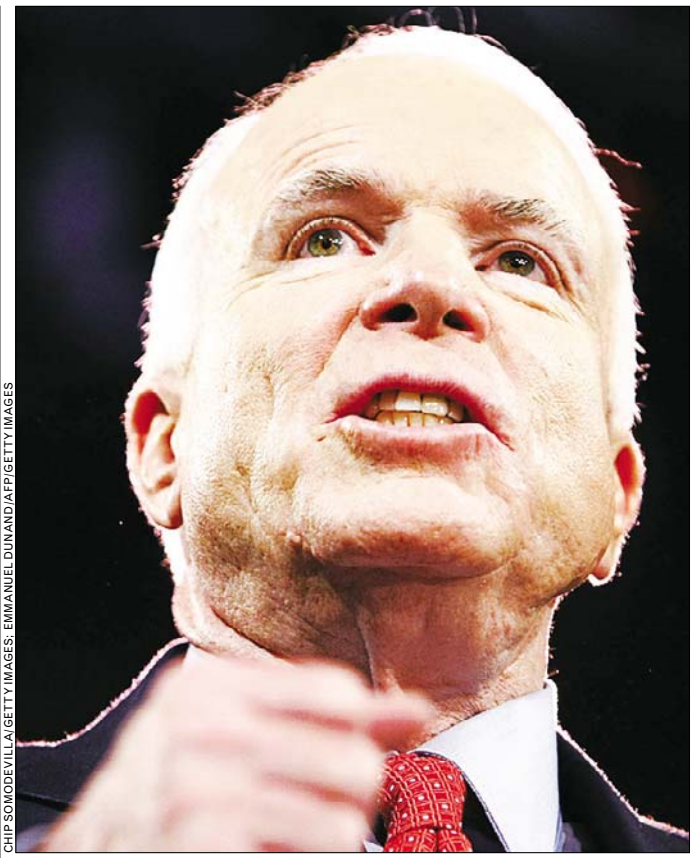

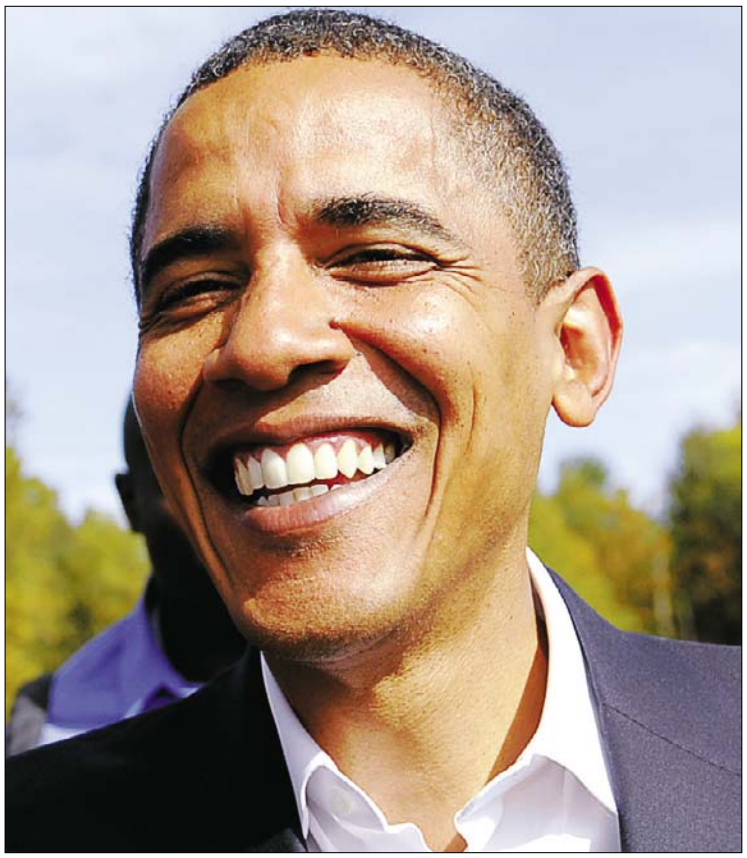

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**FINAL WORDS:** Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama's debate Wednesday at Hofstra University will focus largely on the ailing U.S. economy.

# Stakes High for McCain

## Trailing Obama, Republican seeks advantage in final debate

WASHINGTON | Barack Obama and John McCain will both pursue the image of a strong leader in troublesome economic times as they meet Wednesday night for their third and final presidential debate.

Their face-off comes as Obama widens his lead in typically Democratic states and campaigns with an air of optimism about his prospects, while McCain seeks a way to gain ground and finds himself defending traditionally Republican states with less than three weeks left in the race.

"We cannot spend the next four years as we have spent much of the last eight: waiting for our luck to change. ... As president I intend to act, quickly and decisively," McCain said Tuesday in battleground Pennsylvania. There, he unveiled new economic proposals and previewed a possible debate strategy: Argue that he would be different from Bush and better than Obama.

One day earlier in Ohio, Obama outlined his own economic plan and showed off his own pitch. He suggested that McCain was more of the same and that putting a Democrat in charge was the only way to fix the economy's woes.

The economic crisis has transformed the campaign over the past month. Obama has built leads nationally and in key states as the turmoil has returned the nation's focus to the unpopular Bush's policies. Now, the burden is on McCain to try to reverse his slide.

Wednesday's debate at Hofstra University is slated to focus entirely on the economy and domestic policy. The candidates will be seated at a table with moderator Bob Schieffer. (AP)

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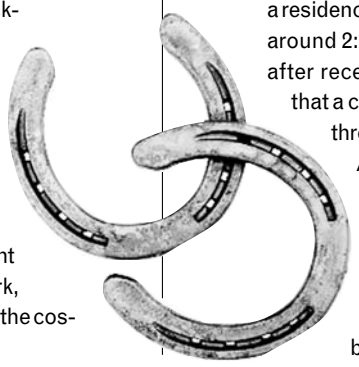
ANIMALS

## Next: Botox for the Show Chickens

A miniature horse has been given a second chance for a career as a show horse — thanks to a prosthetic eye. The 65-pound horse, named KBuck, was born June 1 and lost its eye a few days after birth. Owner Kelsey Chumbley, 12, said she suspects the young horse was the victim of a swift kick from its mother. "We thought he was going to end up being a backyard pet" instead of a show horse, Kelsey said. Veterinarian Jeff Hammond of Marlow, Okla., tried in June to save the young horse's eye. When it became evident the surgery didn't work, Hammond suggested the cosmetic alternative. (AP)



DUI

## Reddest Neck Around

A Minnesota man is under arrest after allegedly stealing a combine and taking it for drunken ride through several yards and crashing into a garage. The man was charged with first-offense operating while intoxicated, third-degree burglary, third-degree theft and criminal mischief as a Class C felony. According to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched to a residence south of McIntire around 2:30 a.m. on Sunday after receiving a complaint that a combine had driven through several yards. Authorities said the combine did significant damage to three residences, several street signs and a bridge. (AP)

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DISSENT

## Looking Pretty Grim

**What sacrilege! How dare this reaper speak out against the mighty god of capitalism! What did you say? Because of the global financial crisis? Oh, that. But he's British. This makes perfect sense — we here in the United States would never question our glowing, healthy, free-market economy. The cloaked demon, on the other hand, his scythe and his fellow protesters from the National Shop Stewards Network made their feelings known outside the Bank of England in London Monday, in response to Britain's promise to inject 37 billion pounds into its ailing banks.** (EXPRESS)

DRUGS

## Intravenous Andouille Use on the Rise

A Brooklyn butcher shop worker called his specialty "hot kielbasa" — for snorting, not eating. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said the kielbasa was really cocaine — not the Polish sausage sold in a popular meat market. According to a criminal complaint, the "hot kielbasa" was kept in the basement. Twenty-six suspects are under arrest, including the butcher, after an FBI informant visited the shop in response to the message: "Come to the store, I have hot kielbasa for you." (AP)

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**GAME-CHANGER:** Too busy playing video games to watch presidential ads? Barack Obama has found you, too, by becoming the first presidential candidate to buy ad space inside a game. Nine current video games from Electronic Arts feature in-game ads from the Obama campaign.

# Nation

## In Brief

LUCASVILLE, OHIO

### State Executes Man Who Said He Was Too Fat to Die

Ohio executed a 5-foot-7, 267-pound man Tuesday who argued his obesity made death by lethal injection inhumane. Richard Cooey had argued in court that his weight would make it difficult for prison staff to find veins for the injection, but there were no such difficulties, according to Larry Greene, spokesman for the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility. Cooey was convicted of killing two university students in 1986. (AP)

Cooey

SEATTLE

### Parents Accused of Keeping Food From Teen Daughter

A father and stepmother have been charged with withholding their 14-year-old daughter's food and water so drastically that she weighed only 48 pounds, authorities said. Jon Pomeroy and his wife, Rebecca Long, could face as much as four years in prison if convicted of criminal mistreatment, prosecutor's spokesman Dan Donohoe said. (AP)

**BY THE NUMBERS:** A new forecast to be released this week says New York City could lose as many as 165,000 jobs over the next two years due to the bad economy. (AP)

# Bank Bailout Now a Federal Buy-In

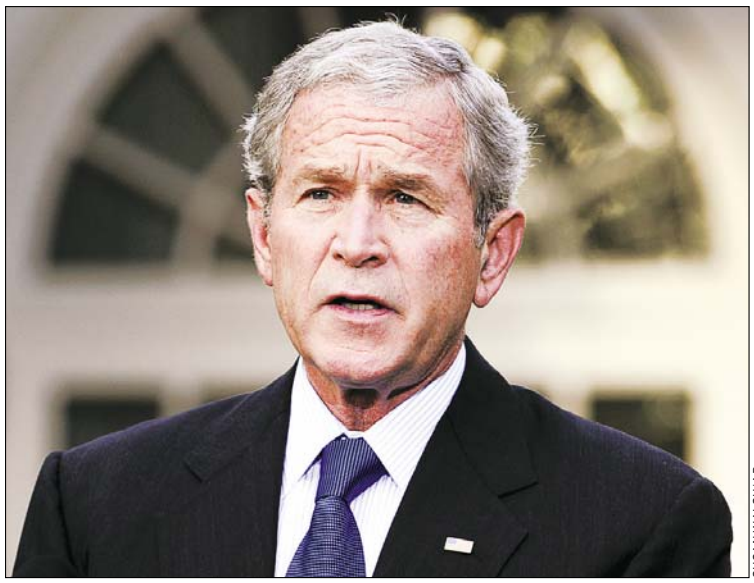
## Government to enter the banking business with ownership plan

WASHINGTON | Big banks started falling in line Tuesday behind a rejiggered bailout plan that will have the government forking over as much as $250 billion in exchange for partial ownership — putting the world's bastion of capitalism and free markets squarely in the banking business.

Some early signs were hopeful for the latest in a flurry of radical efforts to save the nation's financial system: Credit was a bit easier to come by. And stocks were down but not alarmingly so after Monday's stratospheric leap.

The new plan, President Bush declared Tuesday, is "not intended to take over the free market but to preserve it."

The Dow Jones industrials declined 77 points Tuesday after piling up their biggest point gain ever on Monday on news of Europe's rescue plan and in anticipation of the United States' new measures.



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President Bush said the government's plan to spend $250 billion to buy partial ownership in the nation's biggest banks is "not intended to take over the free market."

Initially, the U.S. government will pour $125 billion into nine major banks with the hope that they will use the money to rebuild their reserves and to increase lending to consumers and businesses. Another $125 billion will be made available this year to other banks — if they need it — for cash infusions.

In return, the government will get ownership stakes in the financial institutions. Banks, meanwhile, will have to accept limitations on executives' compensation.

"Government owning a stake in any private U.S. company is objectionable to most Americans — me included," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said. "Yet the alternative of leaving businesses and consumers without access to financing is totally unacceptable."

Whether the $250 billion will be sufficient to encourage banks to lend again is hard to tell, said Anil Kashyap, professor of economics at the University of Chicago.

"This plan will work if we wind up with everybody pretty well capitalized," Kashyap said. "But if it doesn't reach that point, we'll be back in soup down the road."

JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

# Report: Hackers May Target Phones

SAN FRANCISCO | Some of the most vicious Internet predators are hackers who infect thousands of PCs with special viruses and lash the machines together into "botnets" to pump out spam or attack other computers.

Now security researchers say cell phones, not just PCs, are the next likely conscripts into the automated armies. The mobile phone as zombie computer is one possibility envisioned by security researchers from Georgia Tech in a new report coming out Wednesday.

The Georgia Tech researchers say that if cell phones become absorbed in botnets, new types of moneymaking scams could be born. For example, infected phones could be programmed to call pay-per-minute telephone numbers or to buy ringtones.

"The question is: Can they do it effectively — make a lot of money without much risk?" said botnet expert Joe Stewart, director of malware research with SecureWorks Inc. "And if they can, then they will do it." JORDAN ROBERTSON (AP)

## HEARSAY | BUSINESS

"Water has kind of run its course, so they won't be able to rely on that anymore. This is still a very good company."

—**JACK RUSSO**, FINANCIAL ANALYST, ON PEPSICO'S ANNOUNCED PLANS TO ELIMINATE 3,300 JOBS. THE COMPANY'S BOTTLED WATER SALES HAVE FALLEN BY DOUBLE DIGITS.

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## Nation

"All you hockey moms and soccer moms and basketball moms and baseball moms, thanks for coming out here to support us."

—**Gov. Sarah Palin**, embracing sports moms of all stripes at a rally Tuesday in Scranton, Pa.

# ACORN Defends Registration Work

## New voter cards have become the subject of fraud investigations

WASHINGTON | An activist organization on Tuesday defended its voter registration practices amid new allegations of voter fraud and a call from Republican lawmakers to investigate irregularities.

In Ohio, Democrat Barack Obama told reporters that the group's registration problems should not be used by the GOP as an excuse to keep voters from turning out on Election Day.

The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, known as ACORN, has registered 1.3 million young people, minorities and poor and working-class voters, the group says.

GERALD HERBERT/AP

ACORN spokesman Kevin Whelan on Tuesday said he did not know how many of the new voter registration cards submitted by ACORN workers were fraudulent.

Some of those registration cards have become the focus of fraud investigations in Nevada, Connecticut, Missouri and at least five other states. Election officials in Ohio and North Carolina also recently questioned the group's voter forms.

**ACORN registers less-fortunate voters, who tend to be Democrats.**

More than 13,000 workers in 21 states recruited less-fortunate voters, who tend to be Democrats.

"The vast, vast majority were dedicated workers," ACORN spokesman Kevin Whelan said Tuesday. "They did something remarkable in bringing all these new voters."

On Monday, election officials in Ohio's most populous county asked a prosecutor to investigate multiple registrations by four people who signed up through ACORN. One voter said he signed 73 voter registration forms over a five-month period.

Meanwhile, House Republicans have also renewed their push for the Justice Department to investigate the group. On Friday, six GOP leaders wrote to Attorney General Michael Mukasey to urge him to make sure ballots by ineligible or fraudulent voters are not counted on Nov. 4.

Whelan said ACORN staffers separate applications with missing or false information and flag them for election officials. All applications, including problematic cards, are handed in because some state laws require it, he said.

Whelan said he did not know how many registration cards had problems but believed it was a small percentage.

"If they look false, we identify them as such," Whelan said of the forms. ANN SANNER (AP)

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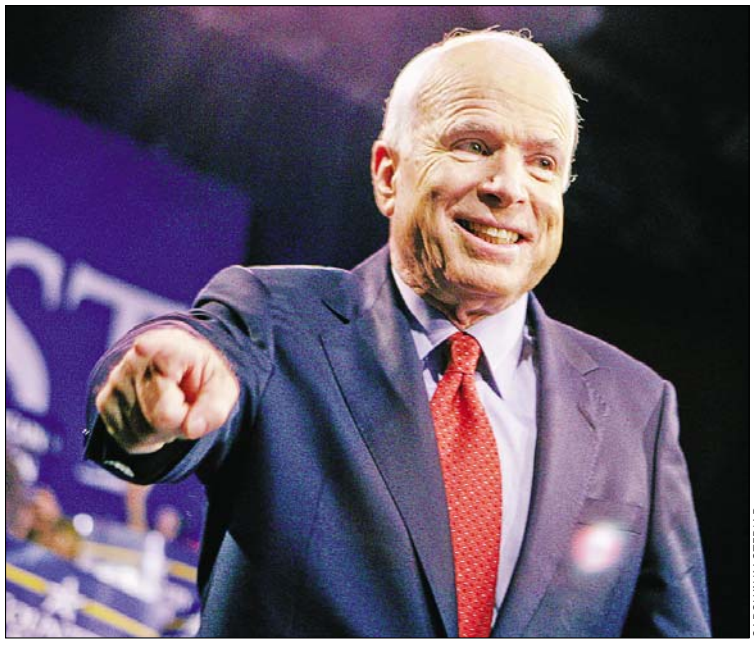
# McCain Pitches New Economic Plan

## Republican proposes more tax cuts to help struggling Americans

BLUE BELL, PA. | John McCain, echoing both Barack Obama and Republican orthodoxy, proposed a $52.5 billion economic plan Tuesday that would eliminate taxes on unemployment benefits and cut the capital gains tax. He warned voters about taking a chance on his Democratic rival.

"Perhaps never before in history have the American people been asked to risk so much based on so little," McCain said of his opponent during a speech at a community college in this Philadelphia suburb.

McCain also promised that as president he would order the Treasury Department to guarantee 100 percent of all savings for six months. Such a guarantee, above the $250,000 now in force, would ease consumer fears of bank failures and restore "rational judgment to the choices of the market," he said.



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Sen. John McCain unveiled a $52.5 billion economic plan at a rally in Blue Pell, Pa., Tuesday. The economy has emerged as the top issue in the presidential election.

McCain said President Bush's $250 billion plan to buy shares in the nation's leading banks should be short-term and last only until the institutions are reformed and put on a sound footing again.

"When that is accomplished," McCain said, "government will relinquish its interest in these private companies. We're going to get the government out of the business of bailouts and equity stakes and back in the business of responsible regulation."

More than 3.6 million Americans received unemployment benefits, according to the McCain campaign. If the government eliminated taxes on unemployment benefits, recipients would see an increase on average of nearly 10 percent, the campaign said.

McCain also called for cutting the tax rate on capital gains in half, down to 7.5 percent for two years. "This vital measure will promote buying, raise asset values, help companies and shore up the pension plans for workers and retirees," he said.

Obama's economic plan announced Monday called for suspending the tax on unemployment benefits as well as extending benefits. The Democrat also called for a 90-day moratorium on home foreclosures at some banks, a two-year tax break for businesses that create new jobs, and for allowing people to withdraw up to $10,000 from their retirement accounts without any penalty this year and next. McCain called the withdrawal provision "an invitation to capital flight." BETH FOUHY (AP)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## Nation

"Probably close to zero. There's an old saying: 'Bloom where you're planted.'" —**Sen. Hillary Clinton**, when asked about the chances of her running for president again.

# Calif. Fire Rides the Wind

## Gusty conditions fuel wildfire's rapid spread outside Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES | Ferocious desert winds pushed one of three major wildfires burning across Southern California to nearly double its size overnight, firefighters said Tuesday, the third day of the blazes that have destroyed dozens of homes and forced thousands to flee.

One person was killed by the flames; another died in a car crash as a blaze neared the freeway.

The fires have charred more than 25 square miles in suburban Los Angeles and northern San Diego County, with the fiercest blazes burning in the San Fernando Valley, about 30 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

REED SAXON/AP

Firefighters keep watch as flames burn near homes in Los Angeles Tuesday.

Investigators are looking into the cause of all three fires.

The whipping winds caused a fire in the west end of the San Fernando Valley, in the Porter Ranch area, to double in size from 5,000 to nearly 10,000 acres overnight, fire officials said.

But just 10 miles away, the erratic Santa Ana winds subsided, allowing firefighters to contain nearly 70 percent of a blaze burning at the northeast end of the valley. Hours earlier, that fire had been only 5 percent contained. Authorities reduced the acreage on that fire to 4,800 acres from 5,300 acres.

Firefighters worried the erratic winds could return to the area. In other parts of the valley, they were gusting to 50 mph.

The winds didn't return to the northeast section of the valley as expected overnight, fire Inspector Paul Hartwell said. "It's — how do I want to put this? — controlled optimism." SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER (AP)

**NUN TOO PLEASED:** A nun ousted from a nunnery in Greece has demanded to be paid $326,000 for 23 years of hard labor, Agence France-Presse reported Tuesday. The unidentified 45-year-old said she performed full-time labor services, including digging and lifting heavy loads.

# World

# Syria Formally Recognizes Lebanon

## Establishment of diplomatic relations is praised as 'historic'

DAMASCUS, SYRIA | Syria formally recognized Lebanon for the first time Tuesday by establishing diplomatic relations with its neighbor — meeting a U.S. demand to do more for regional stability, even as Damascus pursues indirect peace talks with Israel.

Lebanon and Syria have not had formal diplomatic ties since both gained independence from France in the 1940s, and the move by President Bashar Assad ends six decades of non-recognition. Both countries announced plans to open embassies by the end of the year.

Lebanon's Western-backed prime minister, Fuad Saniora, praised the development as a "historic step on the road to confirming Lebanon's independence, sovereignty and its free decision-making."

"It is the situation which Lebanon and the Lebanese have long hoped for," he said.

Relations between the Arab nations have been lopsided since the 1970s, when Syria sent its army into Lebanon and retained control there for nearly 30 years. Ties unraveled when former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was killed in a 2005 car bombing that many Lebanese blame on Syria — a charge Syria denies.

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> **FUAD SANIORA**, LEBANESE PM

Hariri's assassination triggered huge anti-Syrian street protests ,and Damascus caved to U.S.-led international pressure and withdrew its tens of thousands of troops from Lebanon a few months after the bombing.

But establishing diplomatic relations remained a pressing demand of the anti-Syrian majority in Lebanon's parliament, which saw it as an important symbol of recognition of Lebanese sovereignty. ALBERT AJI (AP)

ARIANA CUBILLOS/AP

A September file photo shows flood victims carrying relief aid in Haiti.

# Charities: Aid to Poor Will Drop

## Groups warn cutbacks will harm those who need the most help

GENEVA | The world's poorest people will be hungrier, sicker and have fewer jobs as a result of the global financial crisis, and cash-strapped aid agencies will be less able to help, aid groups are warning.

The charities that provide food, medicine and other relief on the ground say cutbacks have already started, but it will take months or more before the full impact is felt in the poorest countries of Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Aid agencies face more than just the prospect of plummeting donations. The economic conditions themselves — higher food prices and more joblessness — are greatly increasing the number of people who need assistance.

Philippe Guiton of World Vision told The Associated Press that his agency plans to reduce hiring, which will have implications for delivering aid to the needy overseas.

Robert Glasser, secretary-general of CARE International, said the agency has "a number of major donors who have invested heavily in the markets and have now seen their portfolios take a big hit."

What that will mean on the ground could take months or more to gauge — and perhaps years for a complete recovery, aid groups say.

ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS (AP)

# Ukraine Struggles Amid Crisis

## PM says country can't afford early election in face of financial woes

KIEV, UKRAINE | Ukraine's prime minister said Tuesday the country cannot afford an early election in the face of a battered stock market, one of the world's highest inflation rates and massive bank withdrawals by spooked depositors.

Tymoshenko

Ukraine's central bank took emergency measures Monday to limit bank lending and restrict withdrawals from some accounts as the government tried to avert a large-scale panic.

Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko used the crisis as ammunition in her battle against President Viktor Yushchenko's push for early parliamentary elections. The fighting shattered their alliance last month.

"When every kopiyka is needed to counter the global financial crisis, spending half a billion hrvyna for the early elections ... is a direct action against national interests," Tymoshenko said Tuesday, referring to Ukrainian currency. MARIA DANILOVA (AP)

**GERMANY** | READING RAINBOW

THOMAS LOHNES/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

**BOOKWORM'S DREAM:** A woman arranges books in shelves at the 60th Frankfurt Book Fair in Frankfurt, Germany, on Tuesday. The event, which begins Wednesday and ends Oct. 19, is the world's biggest book fair. More than 7,400 exhibitors from 100 nations will be presenting more than 402,000 titles. Organizers expect about 300,000 visitors to attend.

# Official: Gains in Iraq Led to Spike in Afghan Violence

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | U.S. military successes in Iraq have forced well-trained insurgents to pour into Afghanistan instead, part of the reason violence has spiked in Afghanistan, the Afghan defense minister said Tuesday.

In a demonstration of the increasingly deadly attacks, a roadside blast in the east killed three NATO troops, while two separate roadside bombs in the south killed 16 Afghan civilians, officials said.

The Afghan defense minister, Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak, said terrorists who would have once fought in Iraq have been "diverted" to Afghanistan.

"The success of coalition forces in Iraq and also some other issues in some of the neighboring countries have made it possible that there is a major increase in the foreign fighters," Wardak said. "There is no doubt that they are [better] equipped than before. They are well trained, more sophisticated." AMIR SHAH (AP)

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# World

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Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper casts his ballot on Tuesday.

## Canadians Hold Early Elections

### Conservatives seek majority in Parliament; PM likely to keep job

OTTAWA | Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the first major world leader to face election since the global financial meltdown, appeared poised to keep his job Tuesday as Canadians voted in a national ballot amid a rebound in the country's stock market and currency.

But the Conservative Party leader was expected to fall short of winning the parliamentary majority he sought by calling early elections. That would force him to continue relying on the opposition to pass legislation, as he has since first winning power in 2006.

The opposition Liberals have traditionally been the party in power, forming the government for most of Canada's 141 years. But the left-of-center vote was divided among four parties, giving an edge to the Conservative Party.

The party winning the most seats generally forms the government, with its leader becoming prime minister. The opposition parties could topple Harper if they won enough seats for a majority, but analysts said that was unlikely.

Analysts said Harper wanted the election before the economy got worse and before the U.S. presidential election was held in November, which could put a Democrat in the White House and encourage Canadians to choose a more liberal government. ROB GILLIES (AP)

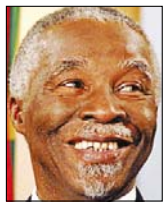
"I think you should look at what they were saying about me four weeks ago."

— **Gordon Brown**, British prime minister, in response to favorable reviews of his actions to rescue banks, on Tuesday. A column in France's Le Monde newspaper declared Brown a "European superhero."

**World**

## S. Africa's Mbeki Tries to Salvage Zimbabwe Deal

HARARE, ZIMBABWE | Legislators heckled each other during the first working session of the new opposition-dominated parliament Tuesday as negotiators tried to save Zimbabwe's power-sharing deal.



Mbeki

Former South African President Thabo Mbeki, who flew to Harare on Monday, was mediating talks between President Robert Mugabe and opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai. The two arrived in Harare on Tuesday.

Mbeki brokered a Sept. 15 deal between Mugabe and Tsvangirai to form a unity government. The opposition narrowly won March parliamentary elections.

But over the weekend, Mugabe said his party would control all key ministries, prompting Tsvangirai to threaten to quit negotiations. (AP)

# China Issues Blanket Dairy Recall

### Hong Kong officials announce new case in tainted milk scandal

BEIJING | China's store shelves are being cleared of all milk and milk powder more than a month old, a huge recall that marks the latest government effort to restore consumer confidence after four babies died from drinking milk tainted with an industrial chemical.

In Hong Kong, authorities announced that another child has developed kidney stones after consuming melamine-laced milk and cookies, bringing to eight the number of children in the territory sickened by Chinese dairy.

All of mainland China's milk powder and liquid milk produced before Sept. 14 was ordered pulled off the shelves to be tested by manufacturers, China's official Xinhua News Agency said.

"Regardless of the brand or the batch, they must be taken off shelves; their sale must be stopped," Xinhua said, citing a notice issued by six government ministries and administrations.

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Shelves that normally hold dairy products are empty at a store in Nanjing, China, on Sunday. China recalled all dairy products more than a month old on Tuesday.

This is the first time the government has issued a blanket recall of products since the tainted milk scandal began.

The notice said the products will be sold only after they pass quality tests and are labeled as safe. Those that fail checks must be reported to the ministries, recalled and sealed off from consumption, it said. The notice did not say why the recall was being implemented now.

**This is the first time China has issued a blanket recall of products since the tainted milk scandal began.**

China launched a countrywide inspection of dairy producing facilities focusing on milk collecting centers on Sept. 15 — leaving open the possibility that some milk products more than a month old have yet to be scrutinized.

Four babies died and tens of thousands of children have been sickened by milk spiked with melamine, a nitrogen-rich chemical used to make plastics and fertilizers. AUDRA ANG (AP)


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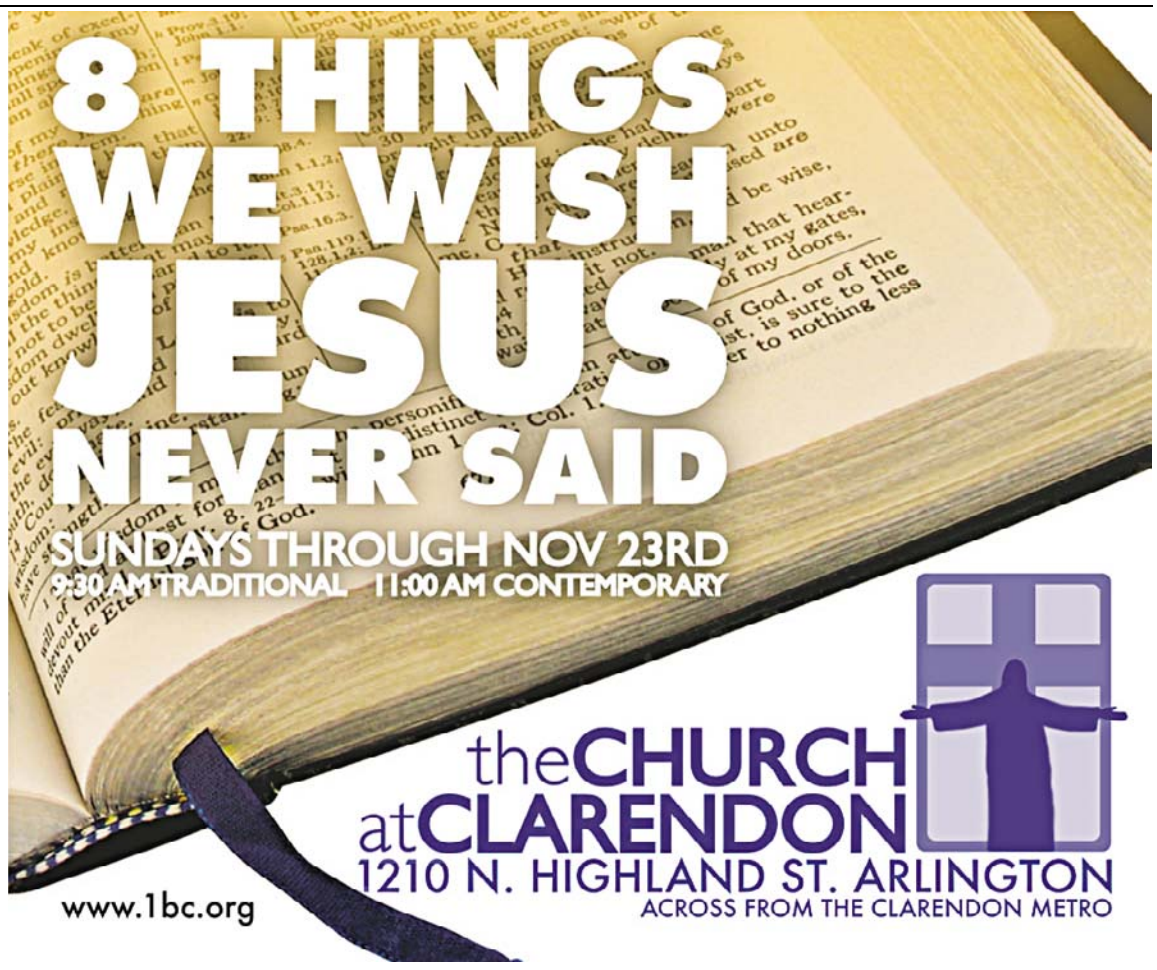

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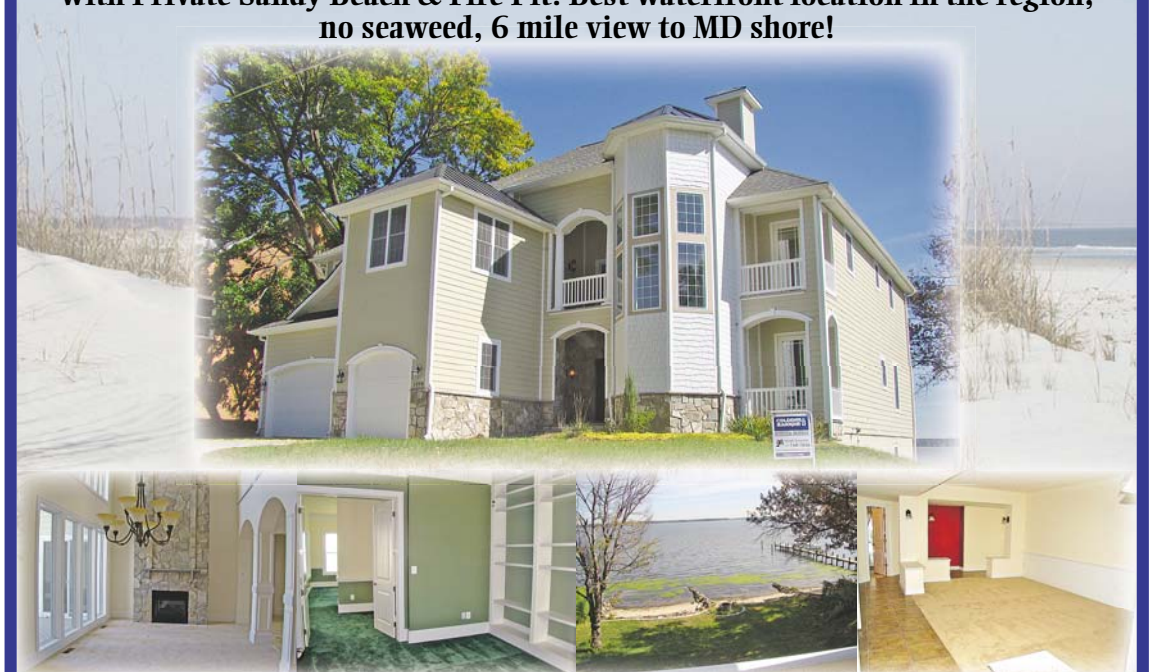

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## World

# Baghdad Housing Market Surges

## Iraqi buyers seek new homes surrounded by members of their sect

BAGHDAD | An arrow in central Baghdad points down a side street to a glass door with a sign that reads: "Ali's Office."

That's where real estate broker Hadi Abbas Ali has greeted clients for 25 years. Now Ali is witnessing a boom of sorts in the Iraqi capital, where real estate prices have doubled in some areas.

**400**

**The monthly rent, in dollars, for a two-room apartment in Baghdad's Karradah area, according to real estate broker Hadi Abbas Ali.**

But a sectarian shadow hangs over the boom. Buyers don't look for a river view or simply the best deal in town. Safety-conscious Shiites seek housing in walled-in areas dominated by their sect. Sunnis stick to their own, too.

With little new construction afoot, there are far more buyers or renters than available homes in places like Karradah, a mostly Shiite area where Ali is hard-pressed to shrink his waiting list.

"The business in the area is not so good now because there is high demand but not much supply," said Ali.

KARIM KADIM/AP

A man stands outside a house for sale in the Sadr City district of Baghdad.

Most homes are hardly posh. Although the well-to-do stay in heavily guarded compounds with walled gardens or courtyards, the city is mostly a bleak landscape of drab, dilapidated offices and apartments that become hazy outlines during summer sandstorms. Much of Baghdad's crumbling infrastructure dates from the 1970s.

The decline in violence has caused prices to rise again, as have the city's new concrete walls that help keep neighborhoods safe and segregated. CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA (AP)

MALAYSIA | FAR FROM HOME

UTUSAN MALAYSIA/AP

**STRANDED:** Villagers help a beached whale in Kampung Kuala Nenasi, Malaysia. The 10-meter-long whale was found beached in the South China Sea, according to local newspapers on Tuesday, and is reportedly still alive.

**CIVIC PRIDE:** The District of Columbia will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the John A. Wilson Building on Wednesday with a exhibit called People, Politics and Progress. The exhibit will give a 100-year retrospective with photographs and works of art representing D.C.'s history.

# Local

# $300M in Cuts Proposed

## Md. comptroller says Board of Public Works to vote on reductions

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | The Board of Public Works will be voting on about $300 million in state budget cuts recommended by Gov. Martin O'Malley, Comptroller Peter Franchot said Tuesday, noting he is inclined to support the reductions.

The comptroller also noted that state government cuts at Wednesday's board meeting are just "the tip of the iceberg." He predicted more cuts will be needed in December and in 2009, as the state wrestles to balance its books amid the nation's weakening finances.

Franchot

Franchot, who serves on the board with O'Malley and Treasurer Nancy Kopp, said he has been briefed on the cuts, which closely reflect a list made public last week, except they will not include state government furloughs or cuts to extra areas where education is more expensive.

Franchot said the board also will take up about $100 million in fund transfers.

O'Malley, declined to discuss details of the cuts with reporters after meeting with school superintendents.

"It's going to cause some pain and discomfort all around," O'Malley said. "It's not because we want to do any of these things, but we must. We do not print money in state government." BRIAN WITTE (AP)

# Va. Bans Campaign Clothing at Polls

RICHMOND, VA. | Virginia voters won't be allowed to wear clothing featuring John McCain or Barack Obama when they head to the polls on Nov. 4.

The State Board of Elections on Tuesday voted to ban clothing, hats, buttons and other paraphernalia that directly advocate the election or defeat of a specific candidate or issue.

The American Civil Liberties Union argued that the ban violates the First Amendment's right to free speech.

The board, however, said it has to weigh that against the right to vote free of undue influence or the tension that candidate advocacy might create.

Efforts to enforce a similar ban are headed to court in Pennsylvania. At least four states — Maine, Montana, Vermont and Kansas — prohibit wearing campaign buttons, stickers and badges inside polling places. BOB LEWIS (AP)

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**BROTHERLY LOVE:** Kyle Brown, left, a human resource specialist, jokes with Floyd Armwood, a construction worker, on a Miller & Long Concrete Construction job site in the District on Sept. 18. Brown has helped lead a new campaign to bring blacks back to the construction business.

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## Local

# Md. Handles Late Voter Registration

ANNAPOLIS, MD.| Maryland voters who wanted to have a say in the presidential election and on a slots referendum faced a Tuesday deadline to register.

Local elections boards were flooded with calls and registration applications in the days leading up to the deadline, deputy elections administrator Ross Goldstein said.

"It's been really busy, especially for the local boards," Goldstein said. "I think it's pretty typical for most presidential elections."

The state saw more than 67,000 new registrations last month, and elections officials project that nearly 123,000 will register this month. That's down slightly from October 2004, when more than 138,000 new voters registered. Maryland remains reliably Democratic, with registered Democrats outnumbering Republicans by a margin of slightly more than 2-to-1.

While new registrations have had little impact on that ratio, elections officials estimate that new unaffiliated or small-party voters will outnumber new Republican voters this year, a change from years past.

Nineteen percent of this year's new registrants will be Republicans, while 25 percent will be affiliated with a third party or with no party, elections officials estimate. (AP)

**WOODBRIDGE, VA.** | KAINE ALL SMILES FOR SHOTS

GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

**GOOD EXAMPLE:** Va. Gov. Tim Kaine gets a flu shot nurse Judy Merring at the Prince William Senior Center Woodbridge, Va., Tuesday. The governor and his cabinet all visited the center and got their vaccination shots as well.

## The Lotteries

**Tuesday, Oct. 14**

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| Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.) | **3-6-8** |
| Mid-day DC 4 | **3-1-2-7** |
| Evening DC 4 (Mon.) | **6-5-6-3** |
| Rolling Cash Five (Mon.) | **3-17-26-27-29** |
| Daily 6 (Mon.) | **6-8-11-21-34-35 Bonus: 26** |

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

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| Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) | **1-9-1** |
| Mid-day Pick 4 | **2-9-1-2** |
| Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) | **2-5-4-8** |
| Match 5 (Mon.) | **5-17-23-27-37 Bonus: 14** |

**VIRGINIA**

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| Mid-day Pick 3 | **4-5-7** |
| Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) | **4-9-3** |
| Mid-day Pick 4 | **3-4-6-2** |
| Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) | **9-7-5-5** |
| Mid-day Cash 5 | **6-12-17-23-33** |
| Evening Cash 5 (Mon.) | **2-5-30-32-33** |

**PAY DELAY:** The IRS will soon mail overdue economic stimulus checks to about a quarter of a million married couples. The checks never reached thousands of taxpayers — mostly women — because their married names and Social Security numbers didn't match.



# Defense Shifts From Boom to Bust

## Military contractors brace for huge cuts in government spending

WASHINGTON | There are few industries whose fortunes are so closely tied to the government as defense contractors, companies that now provide the military with everything from fighter jets to janitors. And for the past eight years, business has been very good.

But with the government now ailing, the boom times are likely to end.

Long-term problems loom for the defense industry — growing Pentagon costs for items other than weapons, calls for defense contracting reform by both men vying for the White House, and uncertainty over how massive government expenditures to prop up the economy will affect defense spending, by far the largest discretionary portion of the federal budget.

With the Treasury pouring billions of dollars into rescue plans, there is suspicion that Washington's appetite for expensive defense programs will diminish.

"No one really yet knows when or to what extent defense spending could be affected, but it's unrealistic to think there won't be some measure of impact," Boeing Co. Chief Executive W. James McNerney wrote in an e-mail to employees.

Major military contractors are scheduled to report their earnings next week, and with defense spending still robust, there are few forecasts of an immediate downturn for the industry that has enjoyed record profits in recent years. But analysts say leaner times are ahead.

"They see the writing on the wall that the budgetary environment is going to get tighter," said Michele Flournoy, president of the Center for a New American Security and a former deputy assistant of defense in the Clinton administration.

STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

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An Air Force F-22 Raptor takes off from Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va. The defense industry could see less government money in the coming months.


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## Money

**22** **The percentage of jobs in the U.S.** that paid workers a poverty-level wage in 2006, according to a new analysis of Census data released Tuesday by the Working Poor Families Project.

# Rolling Stone Slims Down

### Magazine drops iconic oversize format after four decades in print

NEW YORK | Rolling Stone magazine is shrinking with the times.

After more than four decades of standing out with a larger format than other magazines, it will step back and look like everyone else starting with the Oct. 30 issue, due out this week.

The adoption of a standard format could boost single-copy sales and reduce production costs for advertising inserts such as scent strips and tear-out postcards. The magazine says any cost savings will be offset by the inclusion of more pages and the shift to thicker, glossier paper.

Like other devoted readers, Eddie Ward, 35, said he will miss the old format, which was an inch taller and two inches wider. But he looks forward to the change and might even buy a "more fashionable" bag to carry his belongings.

"For years since I graduated from college, I have refused to buy a small messenger bag ... since it couldn't fit my Rolling Stone," said Ward, a publicist who lives in New York. "I never wanted to crease the pages or put cracks in the cover."

Will Dana, the magazine's managing editor, said the size change forced Rolling Stone to "think a little differently ... [and] open our minds out a little more." He said editors can squeeze in more content and better sprinkle longer stories with photos, though he insists the length and types of stories won't change.

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# Travel

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Eliza Margarita Bates, left, learns to kickbox in Bangplee, Thailand, as part of a 10-day course in the country's national sport.

# Give It the Thai Try

## A kickboxing beginner visits a training camp to learn from the pros

ACTIVITIES | As my 30th birthday approached, my fear of becoming a middle-aged woman huffing and puffing up stairs started to outweigh my exercise phobia.

So, I decided to get in shape while learning Thailand's national sport, Muay Thai, known in English as kickboxing. This was no small commitment: I attended a Muay Thai camp near Bangkok for 10 days, training for five hours a day.

Muay Thai is performed with boxing gloves in Western-style boxing rings but uses knees, elbows and legs, in addition to fists, as weapons. I chose my training camp by scouring the Internet and settled on the Fairtex gym, located in the Bangkok suburb of Bangplee.

**Foreign students temporarily live like professional Thai fighters.**

Foreign students who come to Fairtex temporarily live like professional Thai fighters, who live, eat, sleep and train at camp.

A cacophony of grunts and thumps greeted me when I arrived. Students glistening with sweat duked it out with trainers in outdoor boxing rings. It turned out I was in for a lot of sweating myself.

My training began at 6:30 a.m. the next morning, when I dragged myself out of bed for a half-hour on a treadmill in the gym.

Each morning after cardio, I met my trainer, Sarun Inta, in the ring, where he showed me Muay Thai moves. After training in the ring for about 20 minutes, Inta sent me staggering over to the punching bags to practice. I finished each session with 100 sit-ups.

And then I repeated the whole process in the afternoon.

Though it was exhausting, the camp may have been the first step in my permanent lifestyle change.

On my first day home, instead of falling into my usual pattern of laziness, I woke up at 6 a.m. and went running. ELIZA MARGARITA BATES (AP)

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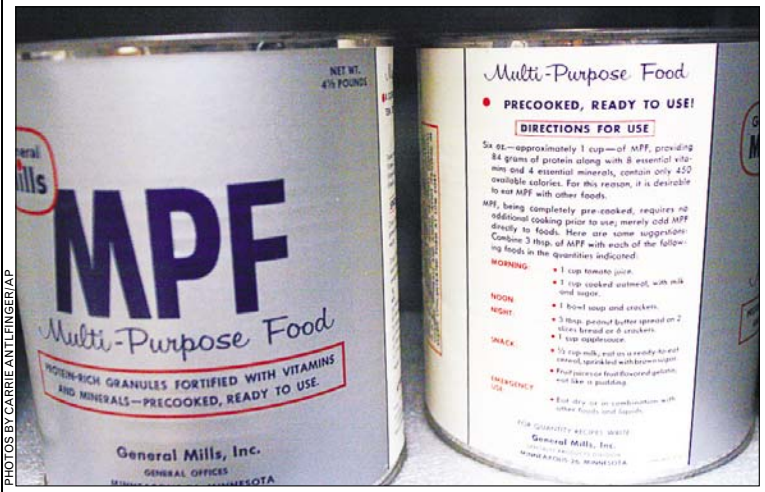


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Cans of "Multi-Purpose Food" from a 1960 fallout shelter in Racine, Wis., are part of the Wisconsin Historical Museum's "Odd Wisconsin" exhibit in Madison.

# One State's Surprises

## 'Odd Wisconsin' show features extraordinary, quirky local treasures

ATTRACTIONS | There are the extraordinary items: the poster announcing the auction of serial killer Ed Gein's items, Orson Welles' 156-page script for "Citizen Kane" and an original speech Abraham Lincoln gave in Milwaukee.

And there are the ordinary items: a drinking glass, a rock and a 6-foot aluminum pole.

All have an exceptional or weird story to accompany them and are featured in the exhibit "Odd Wisconsin," which opened Oct. 3 at the Wisconsin Historical Museum in Madison. The show will run for two years.

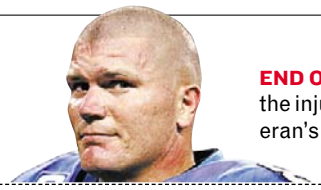
Museum curator Joe Kapler said the more-than 60 Wisconsin artifacts will intrigue anyone with an interest in "curious stories."

"Even if they don't know anything about Wisconsin history or anything about this organization, it is going to be definitely satisfactory," Kapler said.

Most items have obvious Wisconsin connections and others don't. All but one of the items were already in the 152-year-old Wisconsin Historical Society archives. Kapler said the museum surveyed 900 museum-goers this year on their preferences for an exhibition, and 58 percent voted for the "odd" theme.

A curator of "Odd Wisconsin" shows a collar that a slave had to wear in 1862.

One of the society's most requested images to be reprinted is the poster announcing the Gein auction of items from his Plainfield farm, Kapler said. The grave robber and murderer was arrested in 1957, and his story inspired the movie "Psycho." CARRIE ANTLFINGER (AP)



**END OF THE LINE:** The winless Detroit Lions placed quarterback Jon Kitna on the injured reserve list. The move announced Tuesday signals the end of the veteran's season with the Lions, who had tried to trade Kitna by Tuesday's deadline.

# Sports

# 'Pacman' Suspended Indefinitely

## Cowboys CB Jones out at least 4 games for conduct policy breach

NFL | Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones was suspended for at least four games by the NFL on Tuesday for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

Jones will miss the next four games, and NFL commissioner Roger Goodell will determine the final length of the suspension after the Cowboys' game in Washington on Nov. 16. Jones was involved in an alcohol-related scuffle on Oct. 7 with one of his bodyguards at a private party in Dallas.

Jones

In a letter Tuesday to Jones, Goodell called the latest incident the continuation of "a disturbing pattern of behavior and clearly inconsistent with the conditions I set for your continued participation in the NFL."

The incident at an upscale Dallas hotel came only six weeks after Goodell reinstated Jones from a 17-month suspension after several run-ins with the law while with the Tennessee Titans. (AP)

# Redskins Add Alexander as Backup

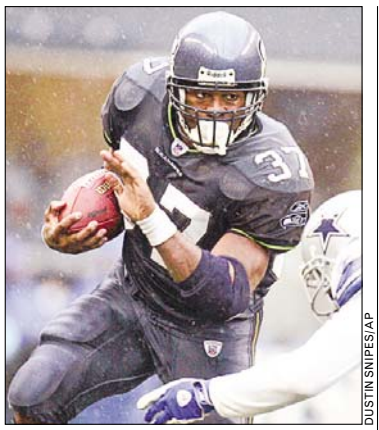
## Ex-league MVP to fill in for Betts; Brooks is replaced as punter

REDSKINS | In a flurry of roster adjustments that affect offense, defense and special teams, the Redskins replaced their struggling rookie punter with veteran Ryan Plackemeier, ended the season of safety Reed Doughty by placing him on injured reserve because of a back problem and agreed to a deal with former league Most Valuable Player Shaun Alexander to fill in for injured Ladell Betts.

Alexander, 31, took a red-eye from the West Coast this morning, Zorn said, and worked out early at Redskins Park. "He looked fit," Zorn said. Details are still being worked out, Zorn said, but Alexander's role, as a backup for the first time in his career, has already been addressed.

"I think he is the kind of guy that is smart enough to understand the situation," Zorn said. "We've talked to Clinton. Clinton understands the situation."

Yet even on a day in which a three-time Pro Bowler joined the team, the most significant development at Redskins Park likely came at punter. Plackemeier, who punted for Seattle for two seasons but was cut after one game this year, will take the place of Durant Brooks, a sixth-round draft choice who made the Redskins out of training camp but was inconsistent in his six-game career.



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Former league MVP Shaun Alexander, 31, played under Jim Zorn in Seattle.

Brooks ranked last in the NFL in both average yards per kick (39.6) and average net yardage (32.1).

BARRY SVLRUGA AND JASON LA CANFORA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

MARK DUNCAN/AP

Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards makes a 49-yard reception on the way to a 35-14 win over the New York Giants Monday.

# Browns Revel in Their Giant Victory

## Cleveland revives its season a week before playing Washington

NFL | Fans hugged each other in disbelief. Quarterback Derek Anderson asked to keep the game ball, then tucked it under his arm and headed to the locker room amid delirium rarely seen inside Browns Stadium.

All that was missing from the wild celebration following Cleveland's shocking 35-14 win Monday night over the New York Giants was the obligatory bucket dumping.

Coach Romeo Crennel saved the chilly dousing for Tuesday, five days away from Cleveland's game against the Washington Redskins at FedEx Field.

One day after the Browns' stunning upset of the defending Super Bowl champions, Crennel delivered a sobering message so his team, still trying to dig its way out of a 2-3 start, doesn't get carried away by 60 successful minutes.

"We still have a lot of work to do," Crennel said during his news conference. "The season is still a long season and just because we won one game it doesn't put us in the playoffs. We're not even .500."

With an imaginative offense and opportunistic defense, Cleveland made the most of its first Monday night appearance since 2003. Playing perhaps their most-complete home game in the expansion era — or any other — the Browns dominated the favored Giants, who came in unbeaten, riding an 11-game road winning streak and on the best-teams-in-the-NFL short list.

But beginning with wide receiver Braylon Edwards' 49-yard reception on the game's third play, the Browns controlled one of the NFC East superpowers. And, finally, with 73,000 frenzied fans on hand and millions of skeptics watching on TV, they looked like the team everyone expected them to be coming into the season.

> "I never doubted it. It's the same guys who made plays last year."
>
> **DEREK ANDERSON**, BROWNS QB

With their season on life support, the Browns pulled through.

"It's the guys I've been telling you about," said quarterback Derek Anderson, who rewarded Crennel's faith and silenced more critics by throwing for 310 yards and two touchdowns without an interception. "I never doubted it — ever. It's the same guys that made plays last year all season."

TOM WITHERS (AP)

# Dallas Acquires Lions' Williams

NFL | The Dallas Cowboys acquired wide receiver Roy Williams Tuesday from the Detroit Lions in in exchange for a first-round pick in 2009, plus a third- and sixth-rounder that year. Dallas will also receive a seventh-round pick in '09.

Williams' best season was 2006, when he went to the Pro Bowl after catching 82 passes for 1,310 yards and seven touchdowns. He has 17 catches for 232 yards and a score this season for the winless Lions. (AP)

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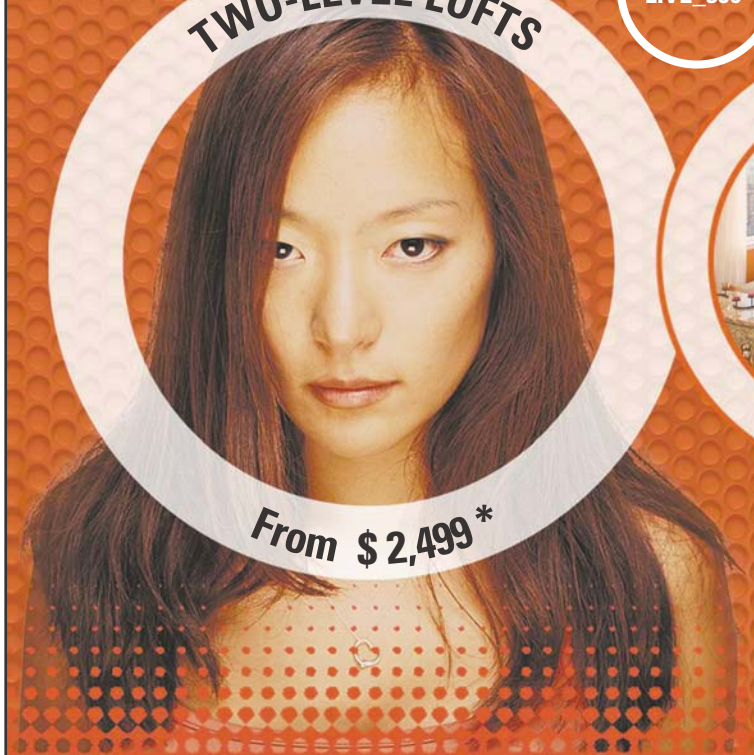

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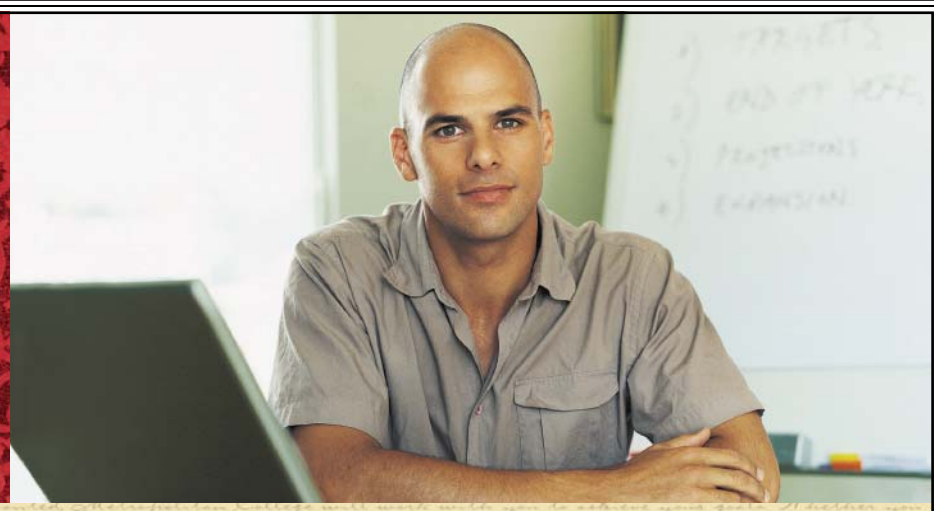

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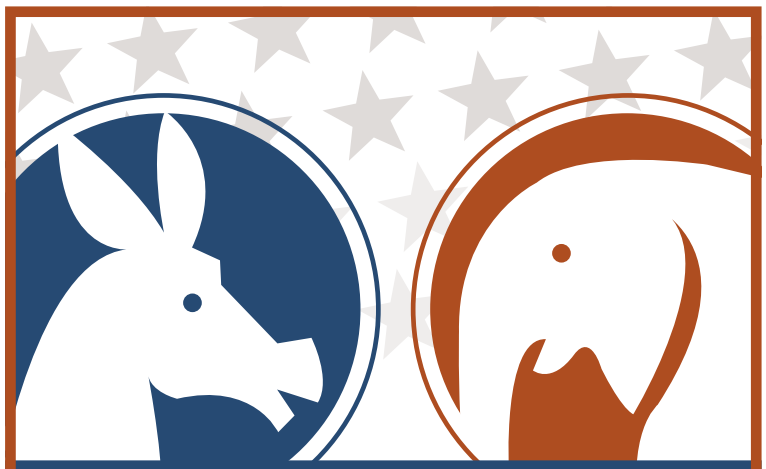

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## Sports

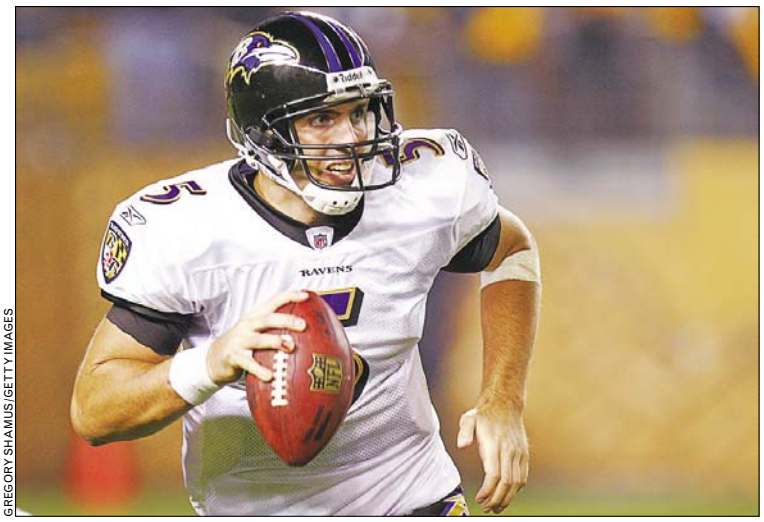
# Ravens Stick With Flacco

## Coaches says rookie is their quarterback as team hits the skids

Ravens | Three weeks into the season, the Baltimore Ravens were unbeaten and atop the AFC North. Rookie quarterback Joe Flacco was lauded for his rapid adjustment, the defense was ranked No. 1 in the NFL, and John Harbaugh appeared quite comfortable in his first season as a head coach.

Two close losses to Pittsburgh and Tennessee did nothing to blunt the optimism. Then came Sunday's 31-3 debacle against the Indianapolis Colts, which left the Ravens and Harbaugh to wonder: Just how good — or bad — is this team?

The damage was more than just a lopsided defeat. Starting right guard Marshal Yanda was sidelined with a right knee injury that occurred in the fourth quarter. "My guess is he's going to be out for the season. It's a big blow," Harbaugh said.



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco three three interceptions in Sunday's lopsided loss.

Harbaugh intends to exercise patience with Flacco, no matter how painful watching games like Sunday's — in which he threw three interceptions — might be.

But offensive coordinator Cam Cameron said, "This season is not about Joe Flacco's growth. It's about us having an opportunity to win."

Even if it doesn't happen this Sunday in Miami, Flacco is not in danger of losing his job to backup Troy Smith. "Joe is our guy. I've never been a guy that's going to say never, ever, but I don't envision a scenario today where Joe's not going to be our starter this year, save an injury," Harbaugh said. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)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# A Lot Changes for UVa. in 3 Weeks

## Unexpected 2-game win streak reignites Cavaliers' confidence

ACC FOOTBALL | It looked near impossible just a few weeks ago, particularly in the hours and days after a 31-3 loss at Duke left Virginia demoralized and in turmoil.

But a lot has changed in the three weeks since, with quarterback Marc Verica's using his third and fourth career starts to lead the Cavaliers to convincing victories, tailback Cedric Peerman's returning to his punishing running, and the defense's starting to do its part, too.

MEGAN LOVETT/DAILY PROGRESS/AP

Tailback Cedric Peerman celebrates a 35-20 victory over East Carolina Oct. 11.

"We've improved a ton," Verica said Tuesday. "We're a completely different team."

Indeed, the Cavaliers have looked it in a 31-0 victory against Maryland, and against last weekend in a 35-20 triumph against East Carolina that really was never that close.

Suddenly, it's not out of the realm of possibility to glance at the Coastal Division standings in the Atlantic Coast Conference and even picture Virginia rising to the top.

But to give that a chance, Verica said, will mean not getting ahead of themselves. "At this point, the season looks very optimistic," he said. "But we're still approaching it one game at a time."

Verica, a sophomore, will enter Saturday's game against the No. 18 Tar Heels (5-1, 1-1 ACC) having completed 66 percent of his passes as he's grown into his role as leader.

Only the fourth-string quarterback a year ago, Verica also has seven interceptions against just three touchdowns, but draws praise from Groh for his role in the team's about face.

"We have a quarterback now who's got expectations of himself, instead of, 'I wonder what's going to happen,'" Groh said. "I mean, the kid goes into the first game he's ever played in, he's probably not going to play like Johnny Unitas. He's trying to see what it's going to be like just like we are. ... And now, he's got some evidence to have some confidence."

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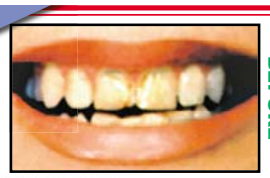
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## Sports

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The New Orleans Hornets jumped out to an 18-0 lead on DeShawn Stevenson, left, and the Wizards — on their way to a 96-80 win.

# Wizards Buzzed in Berlin

### Led by Paul, Hornets jump out to 18-0 lead in exhibition victory

WIZARDS | Chris Paul showed no signs of fatigue as he set the tone for the New Orleans Hornets in a 96-80 victory over the Washington Wizards on Tuesday in a preseason exhibition game in Berlin.

Paul had eight assists and scored four points to help the Hornets pile up an 18-0 lead. He played the entire first and third quarters and sat out the other two, finishing with 11 assists and nine points.

Hornets coach Byron Scott said he was trying to keep Paul fresh after a long summer in which Paul helped the U.S. Olympic team win gold in Beijing.

It was the first of two games between the Hornets and Wizards in the NBA's annual preseason tour of Europe. They will meet again on Friday in Barcelona.

The injury-plagued Wizards did not score until 5¼ minutes into the game, when Darius Songalia scored off an offensive rebound.

Wizards coach Eddie Jordan credited the Hornets' tough defense with frustrating his squad early in the game. "We missed some shots, and they forced us to miss some," Jordan said.

Jordan said the lopsided score and sloppy play in the first half showed in the reaction of the sold-out crowd at the new O2 World Arena.

"I don't know if the whistles and jeers were because we were missing shots — I thought it was because we were missing shots, and we didn't show up," he said.

PATRICK MCGROARTY (AP)

# Hockey Prospect's Death Scrutinized

### Russian league faces criticism for response to player's collapse

MOSCOW | Russian hockey player Alexei Cherepanov, who collapsed and died during a game, had heart problems and probably should not have been allowed to play, a regional investigator suggested Tuesday.

Yulia Zhukova said Cherepanov, who died Monday playing for Avangard Omsk in a Continental Hockey League game outside Moscow, apparently had chronic ischemia — a medical condition in which not enough blood gets to the heart or other organs.

Cherepanov

"Checks will be conducted to clarify, in particular, why the sportsman with such an illness went onto the ice," Zhukova said. Cherepanov's agent, however, said NHL tests showed him to be healthy.

A lawmaker suggested that the 19-year-old first-round draft pick for the New York Rangers may have died due to negligence on the part of paramedics.

Pavel Krasheninnikov, who sits on the Russian Hockey Federation's supervisory council and is a member of the State Duma, said there was no ambulance on duty at the Moscow region arena where Cherepanov was playing.

He also said emergency workers took too long to respond and didn't have a defibrillator — a medical machine that shocks the heart. It was unclear how much time it took paramedics to respond. (AP)

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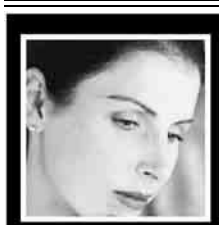

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## Sports

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Matt Stairs hit an eighth-inning two-run homer to lead the Phillies to a 7-5 win Monday.

# Phils Swing Away; Dodgers Rest Up

## Teams take different approaches with Philly on the cusp of victory

BASEBALL | The Los Angeles Dodgers are facing a difficult road to get back in the NL championship series, and manager Joe Torre decided the best way to begin that process was a day off.

No batting practice Tuesday. No infield, either. Just some time away from the ballpark to rest and a few extra moments for Torre to come up with something to say with the Dodgers coming off a costly late-inning loss and trailing the Philadelphia Phillies 3-1 in the best-of-seven series.

The Dodgers are in a hole after pinch-hitter Matt Stairs' two-out, two-run homer off Jonathan Broxton capped a four-run eighth and sent the Phillies to a 7-5 victory Monday night.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel took the opposite approach, with his team swinging freely on a warm, sunny day that offered only a hint of a breeze rustling the palm trees in left field.

"We don't want to disrupt the flow of things," Greg Dobbs said before batting practice. "There's a nice sense of realism in here. You don't want to give any team hope. You want to pounce early, score runs and put pressure on defensively."

History is on Philadelphia's side. Nine of the previous 11 teams to go up 3-1 went on to win the NLCS.

BETH HARRIS (AP)

**Late game:** Game 4 of the ALCS ended after Express' deadline. For results | **washingtonpost.com/sports**

## TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**NBA (8 A.M. ON ESPN CLASSIC)** In China, the Milwaukee Bucks play the Golden State Warriors, who just suspended star guard Monta Ellis for 30 games, in a preseason game.

**GOLF (5 P.M. ON TNT)** The final round of the Grand Slam of Golf at Tucker's Town, Bermuda (same-day tape).

**BASEBALL PLAYOFFS (8 P.M. ON FOX)** The Phillies, one win shy of reaching the World Series, turn to southpaw ace Cole Hamels to try to close out the Dodgers in Game 5 of the NLCS.

**SOCCER (8 P.M. ON ESPN)** Having already clinched a spot in next year's final round of World Cup qualifying, the U.S. will test younger stars such as Freddy Adu against Trinidad and Tobago.

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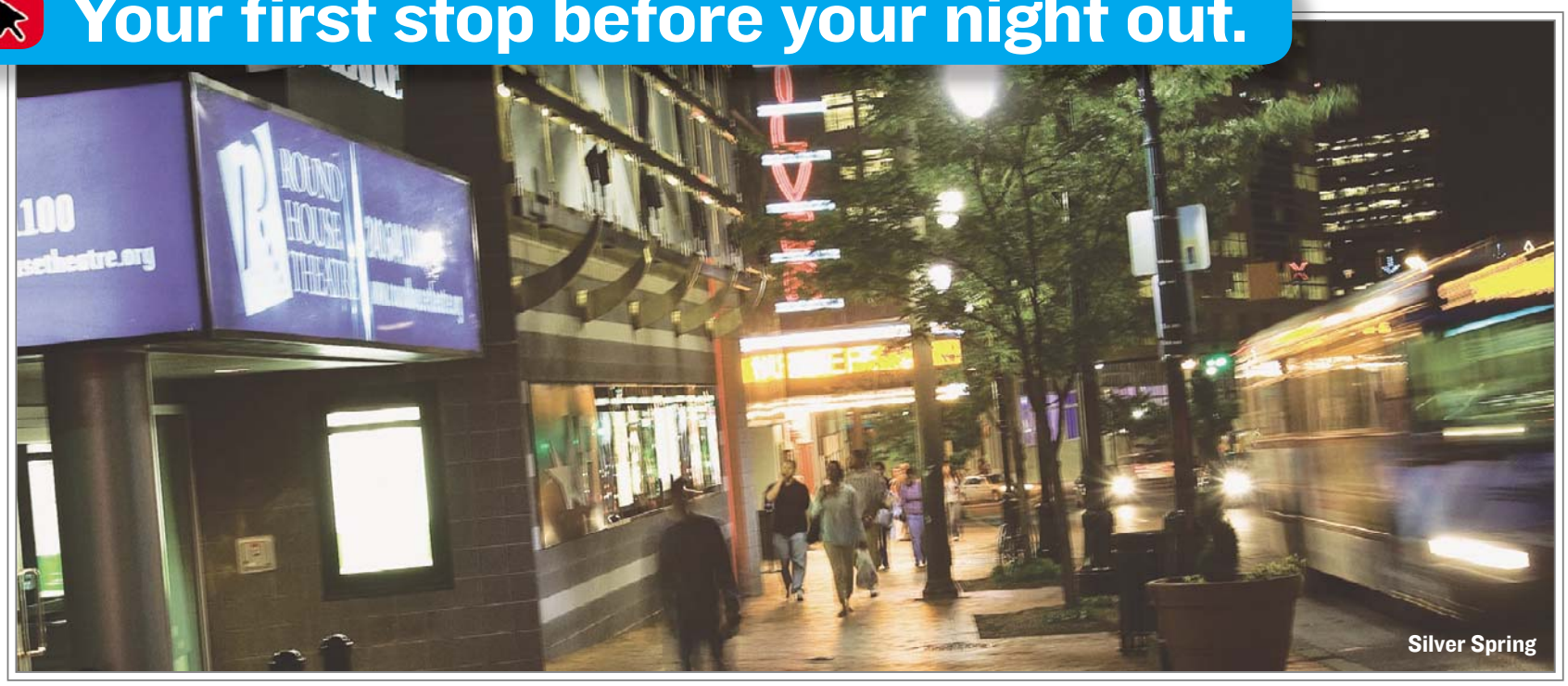

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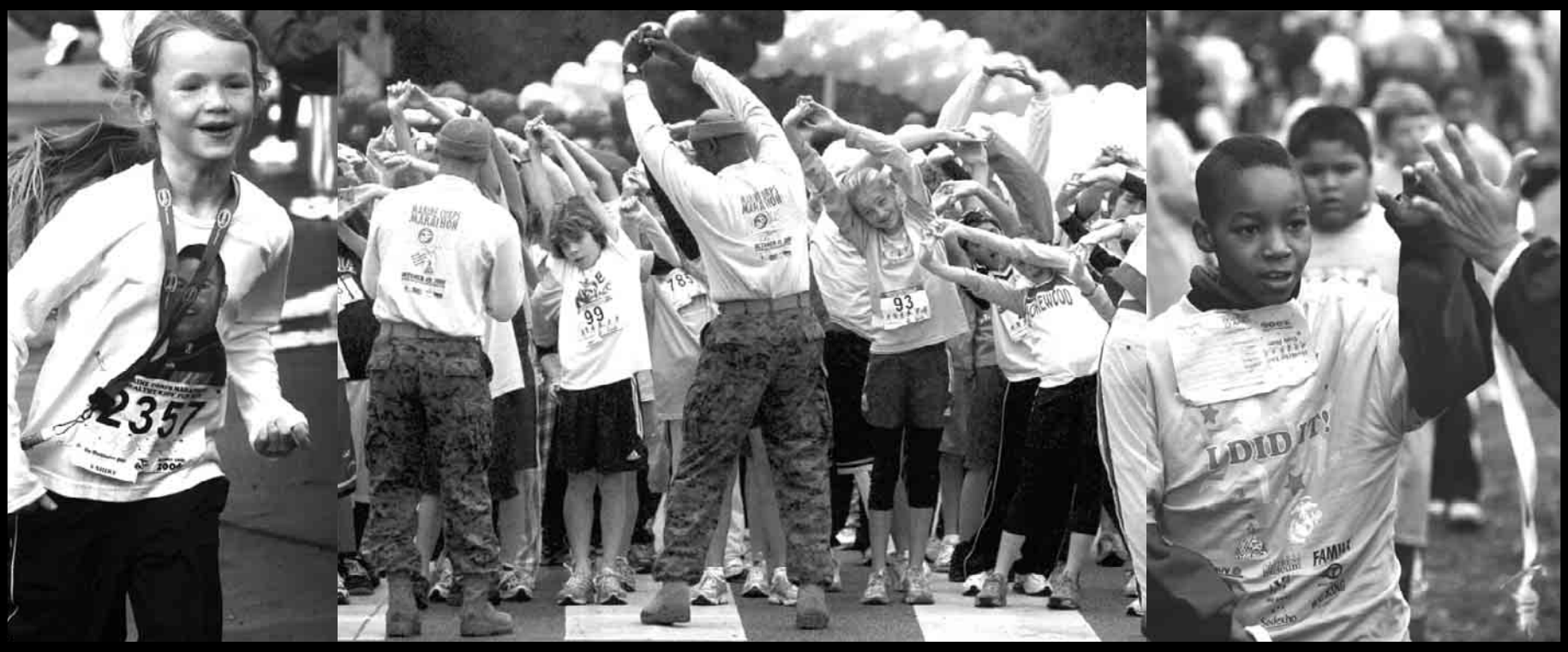


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**NOT ON MY WATCH:** United Auto Workers President Ron Gettelfinger said Tuesday on a political webcast run by WWJ-AM in Detroit that he would oppose a merger between General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC because it would cost workers their jobs.



# Teen Builds His Own Electric Car

SAN ANTONIO | The sky-high cost of gasoline has major auto manufacturers racing to build battery-powered cars that can be charged from household outlets.

Then there's 17-year-old Luke-Laborde, who plans to drive to high school this fall in an electric car he built in his father's shop in San Antonio.

Laborde spent about 150 hours over the summer converting a gas-powered car to battery power. When it's finished, the car can be certified as street-legal with a state inspection.

"I've test-driven it around the block," says Laborde, a senior at the International School of the Americas. "But there's a couple of things to fix, like the windshield wipers. Then we'll get it inspected."

Laborde's father, Ralph, bankrolled the project and provided some technical training and assistance.

"I showed him how to use a grinder, a SawzAll and a drill, and stuff like that," says the father, who owns River City Hydraulics Inc., a hydraulics maintenance and repair company near downtown San Antonio. "He just went to town on it."

WILLIAM LUTHER/AP

Luke Laborde, 17, and his father converted this Bradley GT II into an electric car.

Luke Laborde's electric car is based on a kit car known as a Bradley GT II. Ralph Laborde bought his son's Bradley on eBay for $5,000. The car had only a few thousand miles on it, and its gas-burning, air-cooled, rear-mounted engine got between 32 and 35 miles per gallon. But the goal was to switch completely to electricity, so the father spent another $4,700 for electric conversion parts and $1,000 for batteries. After that, creation of the car depended on Luke Laborde and his ingenuity. For instance, he found space for eight 80-pound batteries in several creative locations in the small vehicle, including the void left after removal of the fuel tank in the nose of the car.

But the batteries' collective weight caused another, unexpected problem: They have caused the car body to twist slightly, so the gull-wing doors don't completely close. "I'm still working on that one," the teenager says with a grin.

DAVID UHLER (AP)


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## Cars

TOM KIRKPATRICK/BMW

That's quite a view of the Austrian Alps, and of the BMW 335d sedan. The 3.0-liter twin-turbocharged diesel vehicle has a revamped iDrive system that works well.

# Revamped Computer

## BMW 3 Series brings back improved iDrive digital control system

ELECTRONICS | We'll never know how many BMW owners suffered a severe mental breakdown and began wearing their underpants outside their clothes and talking to their Cheerios on account of iDrive, the company's famously frustrating multi-function rotary controller. All we know for sure is that previous versions of iDrive did for human factors engineering what big rocks did for Sisyphus.

The problem iDrive was meant to solve — bringing a wealth of navigation, phone, entertainment and vehicle functionality into the cockpit without making it look like the flight deck of a 747 — was made worse because the system was so gallingly uncooperative.

But now, for model year 2009, the cure has arrived: In the redesigned 3 Series introduced to the media this week, BMW has fixed iDrive.

The new system — with which users leaf through stacked graphical menus, moving left to right toward the desired selection as if on a Mac computer — works beautifully and intuitively.

My opinion of this car has thus been transformed. Obviously, the Werks makes finely fettled adrenaline pumps, cars with snap-to-line precision, ballistic quality, exquisite handling and road holding. But I could never quite embrace BMWs when it took me 10 minutes to find the nearest In-N-Out Burger on the nav system. With the new car's more elegant electronics, all is forgiven.

DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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**FRIENDS OF THE DEMOCRATS:** Bob Weir, Phil Lesh, Bill Kreutzmann and Mickey Hart, aka the surviving members of the Grateful Dead, hit a Penn State University stage Monday night to play for about 15,000 people in support of Barack Obama.

# Entertainment

GETTY IMAGES

**MODEL HOSTESS:** The lovely Lady Klum asserts that on this season of "Project Runway," there were no clear front-runners.

# Straight Talk

## Heidi Klum dishes on Season 5, Kenley and 'Runway's' durability

Q&A | While NBC Universal and the Weinstein Co. fight over the rights to "Project Runway," host and executive producer Heidi Klum is taping the sixth season of the popular fashion design competition — set in Los Angeles instead of New York — even though it remains unclear where or when it will eventually air. Recently, she spoke about the current season of "Runway" (which concludes tonight on Bravo at 9).

**What do you think distinguished Season 5? How was it different than past seasons?**

It was not as clear to all of us I think who was going to go to the end. The season before, we kind of had a feeling of which designers are going to make it into the running in the end. We always had five or six designers that we were, like, every time, "They're going to come up with something good." And this season, it was a little bit all over the place. It was very literal when I said, "One day you're in, and the next day you're out."

**It seems like no matter what season, there's always someone who the audience loves to hate. It's interesting how Kenley has emerged as that person in this cycle. Was she as obnoxious in person as she's been coming across in the last few episodes?**

You can only work with what people give you. We don't change their words. What they say is what they say. So, she was the way you see her. She was laughing at people at times, she would talk back. It is a very hard thing for these designers to be on the runway and show themselves to everyone, but this is what you sign up for. You have to take the criticism. And I don't think she could handle that very well. But she is a good designer.

**It's amazing to see that this season the ratings are as high as they've ever been. What do you think accounts for the durability of "Runway?"**

I think that the show gives a lot of hope to people — that if you have a talent, you can actually still make it somewhere. A lot of designers we have on the show are not practiced designers. They kind of work in their basement or they do it as a hobby. All of a sudden, they're on "Project Runway." But also why I think the show gets bigger and bigger every year and is so successful is because you actually watch people with talent. Yes, things do happen and people have the occasional fights. But our show is not about that. Our show is about fashion, and our show is about showing their talent.

MATEA GOLD (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

# Current, Young Christians

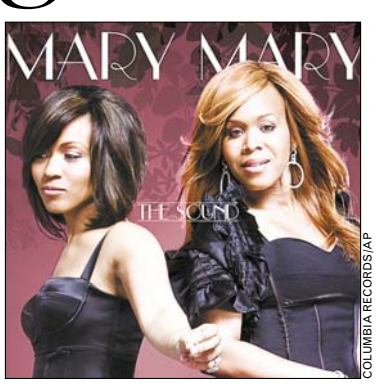
## Mary Mary clings to its beliefs but aims for a contemporary vibe

SISTERS | Not backing down from its no-nonsense gospel message, dynamic duo Mary Mary is determined to make a lot of noise across multiple formats with "The Sound," its fifth Columbia full-length album.

"Get Up," the club-friendly first single off "The Sound," in stores Oct. 21, has already climbed Billboard's Hot Gospel Songs chart to No. 7, and on Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs it sits at No. 52.

"We want to be excellent," says Tina Campbell, half of Mary Mary with her sister, Erica. "We want to be contemporary. We want to be current with the times. We want to be relevant. We want to represent God's people very well. But we also want to introduce souls that don't know God."

Ever since its first single, the multiformat smash "Shackles,"

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On "The Sound," Mary Mary maintains its Christian message and its relevance.

Mary Mary has been reaching out to saints and sinners alike, releasing at least one single from each of its albums to urban AC stations in addition to those sent to gospel.

"They're so original and what they do is so pioneering — they're not the norm," Columbia marketing executive Al Branch says. "I'm using their inspirational message to get the attention of all music lovers, especially R&B lovers."

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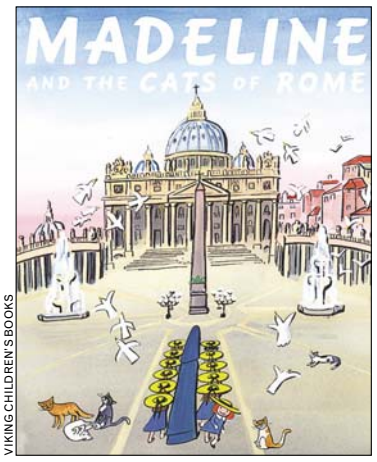


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# In an Old House In Rome

## Bemelmans' grandson moves 'Madeline' to a different stunning city

BOOKS | Many Americans know every line of the children's books starring Madeline, the pesky, hat-wearing redhead who lived in an "old house in Paris that was covered in vines." Growing up in the 1970s, John Bemelmans Marciano was not one of them.

"I didn't really understand [the books' importance] till I was older," Marciano said.

But unlike most Americans, Marciano, 38, is the grandson of "Madeline" author-artist Ludwig Bemelmans, and as time went on, the Brooklyn-based artist, who is fascinated with '60s comic books and '30s films, decided to go back to the work of the grandfather he never met.

Although the last few years have seen some cannibalization of Bemelmans' work, the recent "Madeline and the Cats of Rome" is the first entirely new "Madeline" storybook written since the author's 1962 death.

"The Cats of Rome" takes Madeline and her blue-dressed classmates past the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon and the Sistine Chapel.

SCOTT TIMBERG (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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## Entertainment

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**JOYRIDE:** The Rejects conceived their third album during a songwriting road trip.

# The U.S. Becomes The Muse

### All-American Rejects hope the journey yields a masterpiece

ROUND 2 | About two months before the release of their third studio album, "When the World Comes Down," due Dec. 16 via Interscope, All-American Rejects singer-bassist Tyson Ritter is spending most of his free time drinking beer and engaging in kite-flying wars on the beaches of northern Florida.

"I've been getting completely hammered and enjoying myself," Ritter says from his home in Destin, Fla. "I'm 24, and I know I'm not going to be able to do this ... when I'm 50. Sometimes you've got to live."

The All-American Rejects' frontman has reason to enjoy his time off. In the two years following the release of their 2005 album, "Move Along" — which peaked at No. 6 on the Billboard 200 and has sold 2 million copies in the United States — AAR enjoyed success on the road with slots on the Vans Warped Tour and supporting Fall Out Boy in arenas. Fifty AAR shows between 2005 and 2006 grossed more than $2.5 million and drew approximately 147,000 concertgoers, according to Billboard Boxscore.

But the rock band's 80 weeks of nonstop touring didn't come without drawbacks. "We had a sweet run," Ritter says, but "we were burnt, man. It was crazy. Just imagine living the same day ... for two years."

When it came to writing material for the Eric Valentine-produced "When the World Comes Down," AAR — Ritter, guitarist Nick Wheeler, guitarist Mike Kennerty and drummer Chris Gaylor — took advice from Interscope Senior Vice President of A&R Jeff Sosnow, who suggested traveling to various U.S. cities for songwriting inspiration. As a result, Ritter and Wheeler spent the better part of 2007 holding songwriting sessions in rural Georgia, Vancouver and San Francisco, and during a cross-country bus trip.

"These locations helped us be distracted from the task at hand," Ritter says. "We'd imprison ourselves wherever we were. I'd sit there all day with a piano, and Nick would sit there all day with a computer. That's kind of how we would make music."

Although "Move Along" went double-platinum and spent 97 weeks on the chart, spawning such hits as "Dirty Little Secret" and "It Ends Tonight," Ritter and Wheeler felt the need to create something even greater. "Last time, it seemed like there was this need to survive, and this time there was a need to defeat our last creation," he says. "We put our time and effort into [it]." MITCHELL PETERS (BILLBOARD)

## Entertainment

# The Slow Fade

### Howard Stern is free from the FCC, but is he listener-free, too?

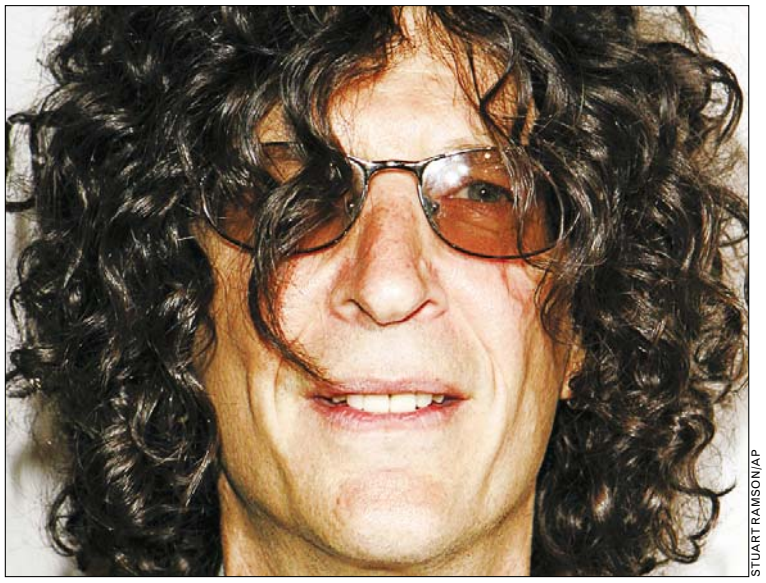
STATIC | Howard Stern, the self-proclaimed King of All Media, has lost his crown.

The shock jock's syndicated morning radio show once drew a national audience of 12 million, but since jumping to satellite radio three years ago, his listeners have dwindled to a fraction of that.

Where once Stern routinely commanded Hollywood's hottest stars — George Clooney, Johnny Depp, Julia Roberts — his publicists today tout studio appearances by Chevy Chase, Joan Rivers or Hulk Hogan.

Stern, weary of fighting the Federal Communications Commission over hefty fines and charges of indecency on his terrestrial show, wanted creative independence on the unregulated airwaves of satellite. He got it and a lucrative five-year contract worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

But for a 54-year-old man who once likened his youthful craving for media attention to a heroin addiction, the move may have come with unintended consequences. Along with the loss of a massive daily radio audience, Stern has also watched as his past triumphs of a hit movie, best-selling books and huge pay-per-view television specials recede into memory.



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**IT'S ALL DOWNHILL:** When Stern was in the public eye, it was always a scandalous affair. But if any press is good press, this shock jock is weathering a dry spell.

So far, the radio personality's leap from traditional media to a niche platform has come at a heavy price — namely, cultural relevancy. Unlike Arianna Huffington, who vastly increased her reach on her upstart Web site, Stern's place in the national conversation has been reduced to a murmur in the din of the exploding entertainment universe.

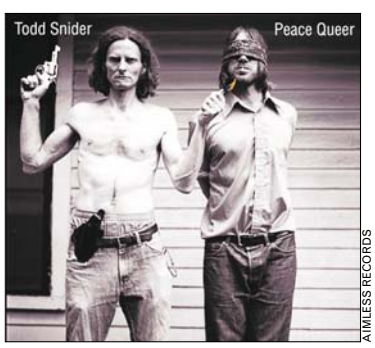
"It's like Howard went from playing Madison Avenue to playing an upscale off-Broadway concert hall for a lot of money," said Tom Taylor, executive news editor at Radio-Info.com, which tracks the radio industry. "He made a Faustian bargain. He got everything he wanted in terms of money and not being bothered by the FCC, but he lost the bulk of his audience."

GREG BRAXTON (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

# Laugh The Pain Away

### Todd Snider mocks the government on a highly pointed album

MUSIC | As Todd Snider explains it, the cover of his self-released EP "Peace Queer" shows him blindfolded and held hostage at gunpoint by a shirtless hippie demanding protest music.




AIMLESS RECORDS

"Fighting for peace — that's like screaming for quiet," says Snider.

Snider's muse can be amusing, and as songs with a political bent go, this batch is a hoot. It starts with "Mission Accomplished (Because You Gotta Have Faith)," a jab at George Bush with a George Michael beat. The finale, "Is This Thing On?," is a parable about a school bully that applies to American foreign policy.

Those are the bookends to an eight-song set that's more funny than angry but passionate, too. Snider performs a stinging acoustic cover of Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Fortunate Son," tells the tale of a resolute disfigured vet on "The Ballad of Cape Henry," and sings a eulogy for his flawed Uncle Sam on "Dividing the Estate (A Heart Attack)." A line in the opening tune sums up the theme: "Fighting for peace — that's like screaming for quiet."

STEVEN WINE (AP)

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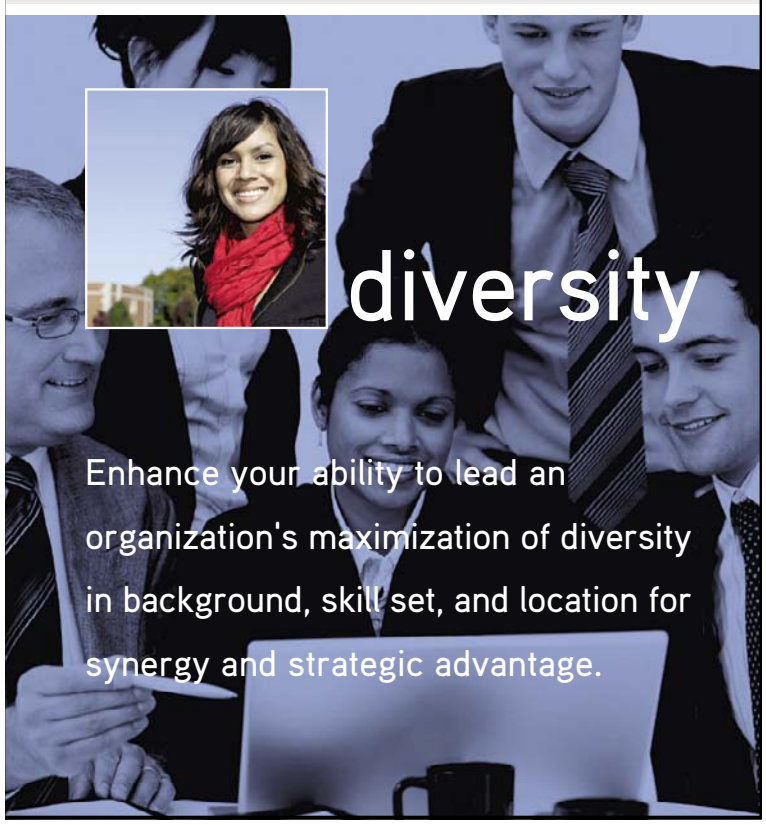

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*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: DELIRIUM - ENCORE (NR) 700 PM
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 130 330 430) 630 730 930 1030
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 245 515) 745 1015
THE EXPRESS (PG) (1245 345) 645 1000
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (115 415) 700 930
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (1245 400) 640 910
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (1215 230 445) 715 945
RELIGULOUS (R) - ID REQ'D (100 415) 700 945
EAGLE EYE - DP (PG-13) (100 400) 930
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (200) 730
OC: NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (445) 1015
THE DUCHESS (PG-13) (115 400) 715 1000
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (300 530) 815 1035
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (330) 630 915
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (1200) PM
BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1200) PM

## GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14
701 Seventh St NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#

*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: DELIRIUM - ENCORE (NR) 700 PM
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 245) 510 745 1020
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (1210 230) 450 730 950
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 1245 300) 400 615 715 920 1030
THE EXPRESS (PG) (1230) 345 700 1010
AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13) (1230) 330 540 810 1025
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) 945 PM
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (1210 220) 430 720 945
OC: NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (1155) 725
BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1240) 350 650
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (1200 240) 520 800 1040
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (1150) 315 640 1005
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (215) 455 1000
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (1155 235) 510 755 1035
TYLER PERRY'S: FAMILY THAT PREYS - DP (PG-13) (1150 225) 1015
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (1225 250) 515 750 1010

## UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

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*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (230 515) 800 1030
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 200 345 445) 645 745 945
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (215 500) 745 1020
THE EXPRESS (PG) (100 400) 700 1000
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (145 430) 715
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (215 500) 730 1015
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (130 345) 630 900
OC: NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (130) 630
BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D (115) PM
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (200 445) 730 1030
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (400) 800
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (415) 900
FIREPROOF (PG) (115 415) 700 945
THE DUCHESS (PG-13) (145 430) 715 1015
APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D (105 355) 645 930
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) 1000 PM

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900 Ellsworth Dr. Silver Spring, MD 240-393-4826

*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (Stadium) (1230 130 330 430) 630 730 930 1030
THE EXPRESS (PG) (Stadium) (115 200 415 510) 715 800 1015 1050
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1215 145 240 400 500) 620 710 830 920 1040
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (Stadium) (1200 215 430) 645 900
THE DUCHESS (PG-13) (Stadium) (1235 310 540) 810 1045
RW: BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (Stadium) (1240 300 520) 740 1000
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (Stadium) (1205 220 435) 650
RW & DA: NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (Stadium) (110 350) 600 815 1025
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1210 245 410 525) 700 805 950 1050
AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13) (Stadium) (420) 935
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (Stadium) (455) 1005
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (120) PM
BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (225 505) 750 1035
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (Stadium) (100 345) 635 910
APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (135 445) 725 1015
IGOR (PG) (Stadium) (1220) PM
GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (Stadium) 925 PM
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (Stadium) (105 340) 610 840
TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (Stadium) (125 405) 720 955
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (140) 705
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (235) 745

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*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (125 355) 655 940
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (Stadium) (130 430) 730 1020
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (Stadium) (120 420) 720 950
THE EXPRESS (PG) (Stadium) (115 415) 745 1035
RW & DA: NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (Stadium) (110 410) 710 935
RW: BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (Stadium) (155 445) 705 930
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (Stadium) 1010 PM
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (455) PM
BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (440) PM
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (Stadium) (105 200 405) 700 755 945 1030
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (100 450) 925
APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (150 500) 735 1005
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (Stadium) (140 425) 715 1000
TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (Stadium) (205 435) 750 1025
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (135) 740 1015
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (145 400) 725

## BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1245 200 345 500) 700 800 950
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (1230 245 500) 715 940
THE EXPRESS (PG) (100 400) 715 1005
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (115 415) 700 1000
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1245) PM
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (220 440) 700 925
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (1250 300 510) 730 940
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (210 450) 730 1010
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (100 320 540) 800 1020
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## BOWIE STADIUM 14
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*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: DELIRIUM - ENCORE (NR) 700 PM
THE EXPRESS (PG) (200 400 445) 745 930 1045
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 215 345 430) 600 645 815 900 1030
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (200 445) 730 1015
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (130 345) 615 830 1045
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (145 430) 700 915
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (230 500) 715 930
BLINDNESS - DP (R) - ID REQ'D (100) PM
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (115 415) 730 1015
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (215) 600 930
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (145 415) 715 945
FIREPROOF (PG) (100 400) 645 930
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (245 530) 815 1045
TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (215 500) 745 1030

## GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1245 145 345 445) 645 745 945 1045
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (200 500) 745 1030
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CITY OF EMBER (PG) (130 430) 730 1000
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (130 415) 700 915
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (145 445) 730 1000
AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13) (115 400) 700 945
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (1245 330) 630
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D 930 PM
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (330) 915
OC: NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (100) 630
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (100 430) 715 1015
BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D (215) PM
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (515) 830
FIREPROOF (PG) (1245 345) 645 930
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (230 515) 815 1045

## BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
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AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13) (150 410) 635 855
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (155 435)
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (1250 310 530) 800 1020
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (1245 350) 645 940
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (100 430) 810
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (230 510) 750 1030
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (110 450) 820
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (235 505) 735 1000
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1255 135 320 400 440) 625 705 745 930 1010
THE EXPRESS (PG) (105 405) 700 1005
DEATH NOTE II: THE LAST NAME (NR) 730 PM

## POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: DELIRIUM - ENCORE (NR) 700 PM
DEATH NOTE II: THE LAST NAME (NR) 730 PM
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1240 140 345 445) 750
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (210 310 435 535) 700 800 925 1025
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (235 505) 735 1005
THE EXPRESS (PG) (110 415) 720 1025
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (1245 335) 625 915
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (215) PM
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (130 405) 710 945
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (120 400) 630 900
BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D (455) 755
EAGLE EYE - DP (PG-13) (130) 1035
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (1230 325) 640 935
OC: NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (220) 730
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (450) 1010
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (225 520) 810
TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (1230 330) 620 910
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (150 420) 715 1000

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*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
RW: BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1200 250) 645 945
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1215 235 510) 800 1020
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (Stadium) (100 400) 745 1035
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (Stadium) (1220 240 500) 730 955
THE EXPRESS (PG) (Stadium) (1250 350) 700 1000
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (Stadium) (1245) 655
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1235) PM
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (Stadium) (1205 230 450) 720 940
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (Stadium) (1225 255 520) 755 1025
RELIGULOUS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (115 355) 740 1030
BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (335) 950
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (Stadium) (120 430) 715 1015
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1230) PM
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1210 245 505) 735 1005
FIREPROOF (PG) (Stadium) (315) 620 925
THE DUCHESS (PG-13) (Stadium) (125 410) 710 1010
APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (105 345) 640 920
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1255 330) 625 910
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (415) 650 915

## COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: DELIRIUM - ENCORE (NR) 700 PM
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 240 455) 745 1005
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1135 1240 130 230 340 430 525) 640 730 820 940 1030
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (1140 210 435) 650 920
THE EXPRESS (PG) (110 410) 710 1010
AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13) (1155 205 420) 705 930
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (1220) 605
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BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (1145 100 215 330 440) 630 720 900
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (1210 245 500) 755 1020
RELIGULOUS (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 325) 655 935
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BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D (310) 905
EAGLE EYE - DP (PG-13) (1130 220)
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (350) 700 950
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NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (415) 1000
FIREPROOF (PG) (1225 315) 620 910
THE DUCHESS (PG-13) (1200 235 505) 740 1025
APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 335) 635 925
IGOR (PG) (125 355)
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) 610 855
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 305) 625 850

## FOX STADIUM 16
22875 Crawford Plz. Asburn, VA 703-957-1035

*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (Stadium) (1200 230 450) 715 945
THE EXPRESS (PG) (Stadium) (100 400) 700 1000
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (Stadium) (1230 130 330 430) 630 730 930 1025
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1245 300 515) 745 1005
RW: BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (Stadium) (1200 220 440) 710 935
AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13) (Stadium) (200 445) 800 1015
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HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1240) PM
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (Stadium) (1220 245 500) 740 955
RW: NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (Stadium) (145 420) 645 915
BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1215) PM
EAGLE EYE (PG-13) (Stadium) (115 315 415) 600 720 845 1010
APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1250 345) 650 940
GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (Stadium) (1210 250) 620 850
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (Stadium) 925 PM
THE WOMEN (PG-13) (Stadium) (320) 615 900
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (140 410) 750 1020

## FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

*Adv. Tix on Sale* HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ★
*Adv. Tix on Sale* SAW V (R) - ID REQ'D ★
DEATH NOTE II: THE LAST NAME (NR) 730 PM
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: DELIRIUM - ENCORE (NR) 700 PM
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (145 435) 715 935
AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13) (110 325 545) 755 1005
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (140 425) 710 1000
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE - DP (PG-13) (100 400) 930
APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D (135 420) 705 950
THE DUCHESS (PG-13) (125 410) 700 940
IGOR (PG) (105 320 535)
GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (130 430)
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) 745 1020
THE WOMEN (PG-13) (120 415) 730 1015

## MANASSAS STADIUM 14
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### DIGITAL PRESENTATION
**BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)** 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 9:20
**DEATH NOTE II: THE LAST NAME (NR–NOT RATED)** ✓ 7:30
**BODY OF LIES (R)** ✓ 12:30, 1:10, 3:30, 4:10, 6:30, 7:10, 9:30, 10:10
**CITY OF EMBER (PG)** ✓ 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30
**THE EXPRESS (PG)** ✓ 1:25, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15
**QUARANTINE (R)** ✓ 12:50, 1:30, 3:10, 3:50, 5:30, 6:10, 7:50, 8:20, 10:05, 10:35
**AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG13)** 1:35, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05, 10:20
**BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)** 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05
**FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13)** 12:30, 5:35
**HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R)** 1:20
**NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13)** [D] CC 12:40, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50
**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** 4:05, 6:45, 9:25
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** 12:25, 4:00, 7:30
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:35
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** 12:25, 3:15, 5:50, 8:25
**RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)** 2:50, 8:00
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)** 12:20, 3:05, 5:45, 8:30
**CIRQUE DU SOLEIL DELIRIUM (NR–NOT RATED)** ✓ 7:00

### AMC SELECT
**THE DUCHESS (PG13)** 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25
**APPALOOSA (R)** 1:50, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
**BLINDNESS (R)** 10:00 PM
**RELIGULOUS (R)** 12:15, 2:45, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20
**FIREPROOF (PG)** 1:30, 4:15, 7:05
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 1:00, 3:25

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**EAGLE EYE: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13)** 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

**DEATH NOTE II: THE LAST NAME (NR–NOT RATED)** ✓ 7:30
**BODY OF LIES (R)** 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
**CITY OF EMBER (PG)** [D] CC 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
**THE EXPRESS (PG)** 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
**QUARANTINE (R)** 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45
**BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)** 1:45, 4:00, 6:30, 8:45, 11:00
**FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13)** 3:30, 9:45
**HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R)** 2:10
**NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13)** 1:25, 3:50, 6:10, 8:40, 10:55
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** 6:15
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** 4:50, 7:05, 9:30
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20

### AMC SELECT
**RELIGULOUS (R)** 2:30
**THE DUCHESS (PG13)** 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
**APPALOOSA (R)** 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
**BLINDNESS (R)** 10:30 PM
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00

## LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
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### DIGITAL PRESENTATION
**NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13)** 1:50, 4:10, 6:45, 9:00

**BODY OF LIES (R)** 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
**CITY OF EMBER (PG)** 2:30, 5:10, 7:35, 10:10
**CITY OF EMBER (PG)** CC 2:30, 5:10, 7:35, 10:10
**THE EXPRESS (PG)** 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15
**QUARANTINE (R)** 3:00, 5:30, 8:20, 10:30
**FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13)** 2:10, 7:50
**HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R)** 1:30
**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** 1:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:25
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** 2:50, 6:30, 10:00
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** 4:20, 7:10, 9:45
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40

### AMC SELECT
**THE DUCHESS (PG13)** 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:35
**APPALOOSA (R)** 2:20, 5:15, 8:05, 10:35
**BLINDNESS (R)** 5:00, 10:30
**RELIGULOUS (R)** 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:20
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55

## AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
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### THE IMAX EXPERIENCE
**EAGLE EYE: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13)** 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20

### DIGITAL PRESENTATION
**CIRQUE DU SOLEIL DELIRIUM (NR–NOT RATED)** ✓ 7:00

**BODY OF LIES (R)** ✓ 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
**CITY OF EMBER (PG)** ✓ 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
**THE EXPRESS (PG)** [D] CC ✓ 1:20, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15
**QUARANTINE (R)** ✓ 2:30, 4:55, 7:40, 10:00
**AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG13)** 1:55, 4:15, 6:40, 9:00
**BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)** 12:55, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
**FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13)** 2:10, 7:45
**HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R)** 1:00
**NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13)** 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25
**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** 1:05, 4:30, 8:00
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)** 5:10, 10:25

### AMC SELECT
**APPALOOSA (R)** 1:25, 4:10, 9:50
**THE DUCHESS (PG13)** 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
**BLINDNESS (R)** 1:15, 6:30
**RELIGULOUS (R)** 2:05, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
**FIREPROOF (PG)** 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 4:05, 9:20

## AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
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**QUARANTINE (R)** ✓ 3:40, 5:50, 8:10
**FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13)** 2:15, 5:10, 7:50
**HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R)** 4:20
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** 2:40, 4:50, 7:20
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** 2:10, 4:30, 7:00
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** 7:10

### AMC SELECT
**THE DUCHESS (PG13)** 2:30, 5:30, 8:00
**APPALOOSA (R)** 2:20, 5:00, 7:40
**BLINDNESS (R)** 2:00, 4:40, 7:30

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**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:00
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**IGOR (PG)** 12:30, 2:50, 5:00
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)** 12:05, 1:05, 3:05, 4:05, 6:05, 7:00, 9:05, 9:50

### AMC SELECT
**BLINDNESS (R)** 7:15, 9:55

## LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
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**AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG13)** 2:30, 4:50, 7:50
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** 2:20, 5:40

### AMC SELECT
**THE DUCHESS (PG13)** 1:40, 4:20, 7:00
**APPALOOSA (R)** 2:00, 4:40, 7:20
**RELIGULOUS (R)** 2:10, 5:00, 7:40
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 1:30, 4:10, 7:10
**VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG13)** 1:50, 4:30, 7:00

## LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
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**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

## AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
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### DIGITAL PRESENTATION
**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

**DEATH NOTE II: THE LAST NAME (NR–NOT RATED)** 7:30
**BODY OF LIES (R)** ✓ 1:05, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15
**CITY OF EMBER (PG)** ✓ 1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 9:25
**THE EXPRESS (PG)** ✓ 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25
**QUARANTINE (R)** ✓ 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:35, 10:10
**BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)** 1:55, 4:35
**FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13)** 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 10:05
**HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R)** 1:45, 7:40
**NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13)** 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** 1:15, 7:15
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** 1:10, 3:30, 5:55, 8:15, 10:35
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** CC 1:10, 3:30, 5:55, 8:15, 10:35
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:20, 10:45
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** 4:35, 10:40

### AMC SELECT
**THE DUCHESS (PG13)** 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 9:55
**APPALOOSA (R)** 1:45, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30
**BLINDNESS (R)** 4:45, 10:20
**RELIGULOUS (R)** 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:50
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 8:05, 10:30

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**BODY OF LIES (R)** ✓ 1:40, 4:30, 7:30
**THE EXPRESS (PG)** ✓ 1:20, 4:15, 7:10
**BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)** 3:15, 5:40, 8:00
**FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13)** 1:50, 4:50, 7:40
**NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13)** 2:20, 5:00, 7:20
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** 1:55, 4:40, 7:15
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** 1:45

## LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18
9811 Washingtonian Boulevard
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### DIGITAL PRESENTATION
**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** 1:30, 4:10, 10:10
**CIRQUE DU SOLEIL DELIRIUM (NR–NOT RATED)** ✓ 7:00

**BODY OF LIES (R)** ✓ 1:25, 2:15, 4:20, 5:10, 7:15, 8:20, 10:20
**CITY OF EMBER (PG)** ✓ 1:45, 4:10, 6:30, 9:05
**THE EXPRESS (PG)** ✓ 2:05, 5:00, 7:50, 10:50
**QUARANTINE (R)** ✓ 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 9:40
**AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG13)** 1:35, 3:40, 5:55, 8:00, 10:15
**BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)** 1:20, 3:35, 5:45, 7:55, 10:10
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**NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13)** 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:25
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** 3:45, 9:45
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** 1:15, 3:35, 6:05, 8:25, 10:45
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** 3:30, 6:10, 9:00

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**THE DUCHESS (PG13)** 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
**APPALOOSA (R)** 2:10, 4:55, 7:35, 10:35
**BLINDNESS (R)** 1:00, 7:05
**RELIGULOUS (R)** 1:30, 3:50, 6:10, 8:35, 10:55
**FIREPROOF (PG)** 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:35
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:05, 10:25

## LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
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**BODY OF LIES (R)** 2:00, 4:45, 7:30
**BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)** 2:15, 4:30, 7:00
**FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13)** 4:35
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** 2:05, 4:25, 7:10

### AMC SELECT
**THE DUCHESS (PG13)** 2:20, 4:50, 7:25
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 2:10, 7:15

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# Television

**MORE POX, PLEASE:** She's not quite over having been called "a pox on humanity" by the New York Times, but the waifish Rachel Zoe, stylist to the stars, can't be stopped. Her Bravo series, "The Rachel Zoe Project,"' has been renewed for a second season.

# Grown Kids and Their Toys

## Discovery's lineup is one man-child's fantasy after another

**AWESOME!** | The new series "Time Warp" (8 p.m., Discovery) celebrates super-slow motion photography. Under the guise of science, we're shown lots of cool stuff, like a water balloon hitting someone's face or a chicken exploding — all at a slow crawl. It's sure to appeal to adolescents of all ages.

"Prototype This" (10 p.m., Discovery) features four experts who work out of a San Francisco warehouse. Every week, they examine a problem and try to devise new solutions within a period of 10 days.

"Prototype" kicks off with an examination of road rage. The pocket-protector quartet tries to devise a car that can measure a driver's stress level and automatically put the transmission in neutral until the driver calms down.

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**PROTOTYPICAL HOSTS:** Terry Sandin, Zoz Brooks, Mike North and Joe Grand.

By way of experiment, they build their own demolition-derby cars and a remote-control system linked to computers programmed to read the signs of human stress.

It takes a very long hour for the guys to get their derby rigged up, but, in the end, it works. They have the ability to crash their cars into each other, but the cars tend to idle every time the driver gets too hot under the hood. Given the short attention span of its intended audience, I found "Prototype" a little too decaffeinated.

"Time Warp" and "Prototype This" form the bread for a "Mythbusters" (9 p.m., Discovery) sandwich. On tonight's episode, our experts try to figure out whether it's possible for a victim buried up to his or her neck in sand to escape. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

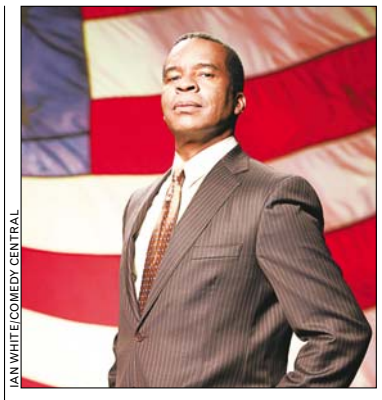
## ON TV TONIGHT

**HOLY HOMICIDE!**
Olive asks for help after murder invades the tranquility of the convent on **PUSHING DAISIES** (8 p.m., ABC).

**MAY THE BEST WOMAN WIN**
It comes down to Leanne, Korto and Kenley as **PROJECT RUNWAY** (9 p.m., Bravo) wraps up its fifth season with the three finalists' showing their collections at Bryant Park. For an interview with Heidi Klum, see page 25.

**WIN OR GO HOME**
Coach feels the pressure on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., Direct TV, Channel 101).

**FINAL SHOWDOWN**
Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama meet in the third and final **PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE** (9 p.m., CBS, NBC, Fox, ABC, CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, PBS, C-Span, BBC Americ01a, Telemundo). CBS correspondent Bob Schieffer moderates the event, broadcast live from Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.



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**MOCKING MAN:** David Alan Grier does impressions on "Chocolate News."

**JOKE'S ON THE MEDIA**
David Alan Grier stars in the new sketch series **CHOCOLATE NEWS** (10:30 p.m., Comedy Central), a send-up of a news program, allowing Grier to impersonate characters ranging from an obscene rapper to poet Maya Angelou. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)


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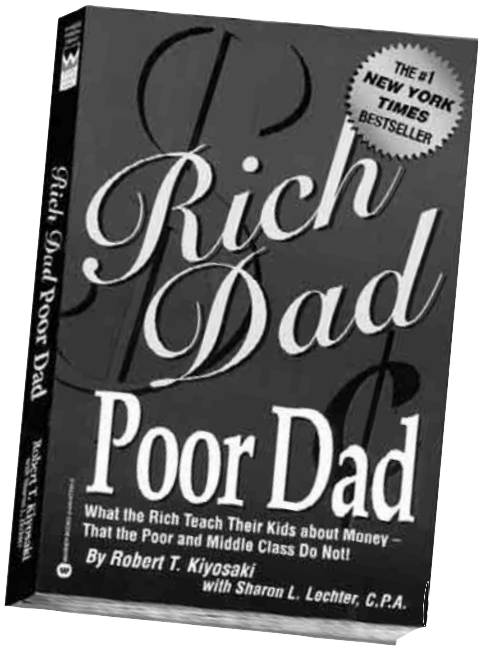


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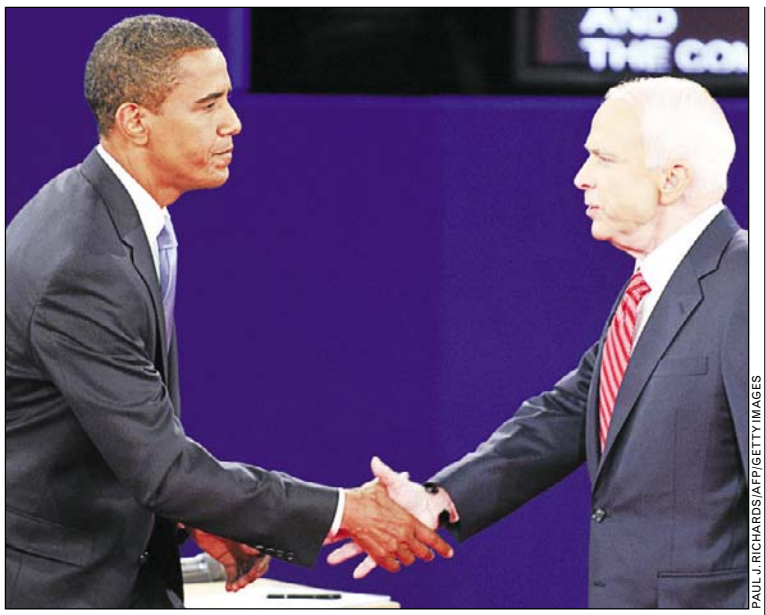
**Robert Kiyosaki does not participate in this event.**

# Chug PBR, My Friends

## What pairs best with debates? A grand old night drinking game

**SAUCED** | Tonight a trilogy's dramatic conclusion is upon us. Presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama go to the mattresses one last time at 9 p.m. in Hempstead, N.Y. Although this canned television is likely to make you dizzy with its spin, there's another way to make watching the pontificating more palatable: Merge the American traditions of Hansboro and Budweiser.

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED:** A beer beverage proudly brewed in the good old US of A. You could go for Bud (if you're willing to accept it's now owned by Belgians). A safer bet? Pabst Blue Ribbon — it's even red, white and blue! Along those lines, opt for a liquor of your patriotic choosing, a la Jack Daniels.



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**LET THEM THUMB WRESTLE:** Follow the rules to booze through the final debate.

**PLAYER REQUIREMENTS:** For children ages 21 and up, participation is limited to the number of constituents' you can cram into your living room. The game lasts 90 minutes, or until two candidates become four.

**THE RULES:** Pass out PBRs and shot glasses to all guests. Turn your TV on. Once the candidates greet each other, the following stipulations must be adhered to in strict accordance. The future of freedom depends upon it.

**TAKE A TWO-SECOND SWIG OF PBR UPON HEARING:** "Work force fundamentals," "My friends," "Main Street" and "Wall Street" (combine two sips if used in the same sentence). "Maverick" (finish your drink in the unlikely event it's said by Obama). "McCain" and "Bush administration" in the same sentence (bottoms up if it's said by McCain).

**TAKE A SHOT OF JACK UPON HEARING:** "Henry Paulson," "Straight Talk Express," "trickle," "overhead projector," "Ronald Reagan," "mammogram," "game changer," "Warren Buffett." KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

# topstops

## 2 Judgement Of D.C.

There's something so delicious about a good old-fashioned rivalry, especially when you're the underdog who miraculously comes out on top. That was the case in 1976, when two wines from California beat out their French counterparts in what has since been known as the "Judgement of Paris." At tonight's California vs. France: Wine Tasting Showdown at the Whittemore House, eight California wines and eight French wines will be pitted against each other in a blind taste test and will be judged by the guests — may the best grapes win. K.E.

→ *The Whittemore House, 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW; 7-9 p.m., $75; 202-244-3700. (Dupont Circle)*

STAN BAROUH

## 1 A Delicates Situation

**It's a predicament that Britney Spears knows all too well: A guy sees you in your bloomers, and suddenly he thinks you're attainable. That's what happens to Louise Maske after she accidentally drops her drawers at a parade for the king in Steve Martin's play "The Underpants." Not only are Louise and her pencil-pusher husband, Theo, horrified, but they're also deluged with would-be suitors. The madcappery only escalates from there.** G.B.

→ *Olney Theater Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; through Oct. 19, $25-$48; 301-924-3400.*

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## 3 Good Chemistry

While some plays capture an hour in their characters' day, "A Beautiful View" tackles 30 years in the lives of Lane (Jennifer Mendenhall) and Max (Kathleen Coons). First, the two women are lovers, then they are separated, then they see other people, then one of them gets married, then they are friends, then they are lovers again, etc. It's not this long list of incidents that makes the play worth seeing, however — it's the characters. Writer Daniel MacIvor has constructed roles that are capably acted by vets of the stage. K.E.

→ *Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; through Dec. 2, various times, $30; 202-332-3300. (Dupont Circle)*

**Compiled by** Express' Karmah Elmusa and Greg Barber. Read more of their picks every day at **expressnightout.com/topstops.**

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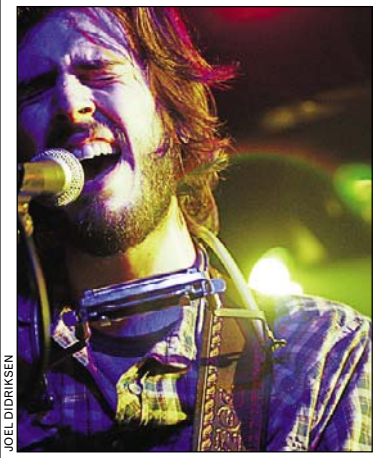

JOEL DIDRIKSEN

Justin Jones is a local dude whose folksiness is surprisingly authentic.

### THURSDAY

**Justin Jones and the Driving Rain:** This is real roots-rock, and it's free. For real. Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; 9 p.m., free; 202-388-7625.

**Christo and Jeanne-Claude:** Renowned artists discuss their latest endeavor. The Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW; 5:45 p.m., $12; 202-387-2151. (Dupont Circle)

**Bare Soundz:** A tap dance spectacular with Savion Glover. Warner Theatre, 13th and E streets NW; 8 p.m., $39-$69; 202-783-4000. (Metro Center)

### FRIDAY

**Eric Roberson:** Hip-hop with vintage influences. Bohemian Caverns, 2003 11th St. NW; 7 p.m., $20; 202-299-0800. (U St.-Cardozo)

**The Cassettes:** Steampunks celebrate their new album. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., $10; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

**Yardfest:** A Howard University homecoming highlight. Howard University, 2400 Sixth St. NW; 12 p.m., free; 202-806-6100. (U St.-Cardozo)

### SATURDAY

**Cheryl Wheeler:** Gorgeous, intimate folk songs. Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., $29.50; 703-549-7500.

**Lewis Black:** The sassy, grumpy comedian and host of "The Root of All Evil" tells (or yells) it like it is. Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; 8 p.m., $30; 202-397-7328.

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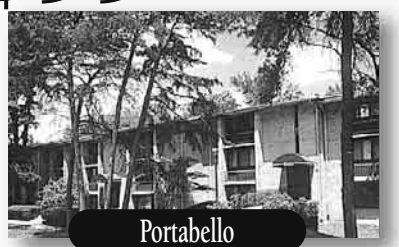

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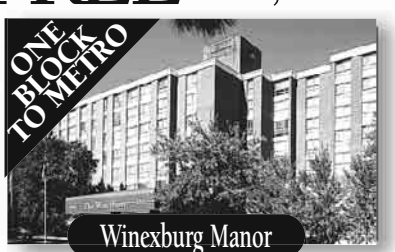

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**NEARLY COMPLETE:** Ted Miller, 7, left, and his brother, Grey Miller, 10, right, in both photos hold coins from their state quarter collections in Elmhurst, Ill. The U.S. Mint will issue the last quarter, Hawaii, in November.

Hobbies

# National Change

## Coin collectors await the last of the U.S. Mint's state quarters

With a big aloha to Hawaii, a new generation of coin collectors will soon shut their books on the U.S. Mint's popular 10-year state quarter program full of fond family memories and a fun dose of history.

While not terribly rare, considering about 34 billion were produced, the commemorative quarters have captured the frenzied fancy of kids and their parents as they've drawn extended family, tip-collecting waitresses and friendly bank tellers into the hunt.

Coveted by roughly 147 million collectors in the U.S., the coins have also been lucrative for the Mint, bringing in $3.5 billion in pure profit by the end of last year, excluding special-issue sets. The Denver Mint is one of two sites where the coins were produced.

The Mint knew the program would be successful, said spokesman Michael White, "but it turned out to be even more popular than expected. This is the most popular coin program in history."

Come November, it will end with Hawaii as the last state honored, having fulfilled one of the government's goals — to ignite interest among young people in U.S. history, geography and coin collecting.

Bruce Chapman, 54, of Yorba Linda, Calif., and his 23-year-old daughter, Valerie Cope of Provo, Utah, will miss "The Ceremony."

"I've been collecting state quarters with my dad since I was 14," Cope said. "I remember wondering what I'd be doing in 2008 when the state quarters were finally all out. It seemed so far away."

The two get together with each new release after Chapman picks up a fresh $10 roll at his bank. Cope gets to choose which coin to press into their slotted map, but dad provides the muscle to adjust it just right.

"We sing a little song: 'It's the quarter ceremony!' Imagine really bad operatic-style singing," Cope said. Then, they "sit back and marvel at how many quarters we've collected."

> "It's been a wonderful way my dad and I could stay connected throughout the years."
>
> **VALERIE COPE**, COIN COLLECTOR

The U.S. Mint issued the quarters in the order each state joined the Union, with five releases a year at intervals of about 10 weeks.

Colorful collection books, often in the shape of U.S. maps, are full of state trivia and history covering each state.

Teachers have also hopped aboard, downloading thousands of free lesson plans on the quarters from the Mint's Web site.

"I like learning about the state nicknames, what year the state joined the U.S, what year the quarter was made and what the flags look like for each state," said Grey Miller, 10, of the Chicago suburb of Elmhurst.

Cope recalls her father's going for teachable moments using the quarters.

"My dad and I would discuss the design of each quarter: Who is John Muir and why is he on California's quarter? Huh, South Carolina is known as the Palmetto State? It certainly helped cement in my head just exactly where each state is located."

In her younger years, Cope wasn't convinced old-fashioned coin collecting was a hobby she could get behind, in this age of high-tech amusements for kids.

"It honestly started out as something I thought was dorky and embarrassing," she said.

"Coin collecting — that's for nerds. But I have grown to really love it. It's been a wonderful way my dad and I could stay connected throughout the years as I graduated from high school, went away to college, got married and moved away permanently," she said.

Collectors looking for a fresh fix should keep their eyes peeled next year. That's when quarters will be issued for the left-out District of Columbia; the commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands; and the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

LEANNE ITALIE (AP)

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MUSIC

## Man Against Boy

As a member of Soul Side and Girls Against Boys, Scott McCloud played many heavy post-punk guitar riffs. But now McCloud is playing acoustic troubadour with Paramount Styles, which plays the Black Cat on Wednesday. Christopher Porter spoke with McCloud about "Failure American Style." | COMING UP

FILM

## H30

Since 1978, Michael Myers has been slaughtering teenagers, and "Halloween" is considered a horror classic. With the release of a new 30th-anniversary DVD box set of the original film, Roxana Hadadi looks at the five best ways Myers has fled from his own date with the Grim Reaper. | COMING UP

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

### GIVEN ITS DAY-TO-DAY SWINGS, ARE YOU STILL PAYING ATTENTION TO THE STOCK MARKET?

**YES** 60%

**NO** 40%

**"If the bottom** doesn't fall out before Election Day, then there is still some hope. The current geniuses in the White House need to know that any funny business before Election Day will bring the house of cards tumbling down."

**COMMENTER EARLY MAN,** RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "GIVEN ITS DAY-TO-DAY SWINGS, ARE YOU STILL PAYING ATTENTION TO THE STOCK MARKET?"

**"No, but I would** very much like to see it keep improving. I'm pleasantly surprised that nobody is blaming President Bush over this situation."

**AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER,** WHO ADDED, "IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE HIM END HIS TERM ON A HIGH NOTE."

**"Yes, I pay close** attention to what's happening with the stock market. I would advise others to do so also."

**COMMENTER NANCY,** WHO ADDED, "WHILE YOU MAY THINK THAT IT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU NOW, BELIEVE ME — IT WILL IN THE LONG RUN."

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## Blog LOG

"Memo to Mayor Fenty: Let's just start using that land, and forget about blowing $1B for the occasional possibility of a little excitement."

**GREATERGREATERWASHINGTON.ORG** DOES NOT THINK A NEW FOOTBALL STADIUM AT THE SITE OF RFK STADIUM IS A GOOD USE OF LAND OR THE DISTRICT'S RESOURCES.

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**"When you think about** Marky Mark you think tighty-whities, and you probably forget about how truly awful his music was."

**IDOLATOR.COM** UNDERSTANDS WHY MARK WAHLBERG RECENTLY SAID HE WANTS TO HIDE HIS HIP-HOP ALTER EGO FROM HIS CHILDREN, WHO WERE "BORN IN THE POST-FUNKY BUNCH ERA."

**"IT'S BEEN INTERESTING** the past couple days. I received an e-mail from my ex-fiance's ex-fiance, who, until she read my recent post, wasn't aware that the 3-carat ring she received was the same one my ex-fiance purchased for me in 2004."

**ASKMISSA.COM** HAS BEEN DEALING WITH QUITE A FEW DOMESTIC ISSUES RELATED TO HER BLOG POSTS RECENTLY.

**"The Chinatown Hooters** opens at 10 a.m. Who can take the sight of Day-Glo orange short-shorts before noon? And do they have a breakfast menu, or do people really eat hot wings with coffee?"

**SHANNONSTAMEY.BLOGSPOT.COM** ALSO WONDERS, "IS THERE ANY FOOTWEAR LESS FLATTERING THAN BRIGHT WHITE SNEAKERS WITH POOFY '80S-STYLE WHITE SOCKS?

## Discussions

### Music World Talk

Washington Post music critic **J. FREEDOM DU LAC** was online Tuesday and talked about Janet Jackson's canceling concerts, Beyonce's new single/video and the possible return of D'Angelo.

**Your thoughts on the new Beyonce video, "Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)?"**

Single ladies — put a "get me bodied" beat on it! I kind of liked the video, in a Tina Turner goes interpretive dancing as a mod-in-black-and-white kind of way.

**What do you know about the possibility of new music's being released by D'Angelo sometime later this year or early next year?**

**It's been almost 10 years since his last album. I can't wait any longer.**

There are rumblings that he's making progress on a new album, but I have no idea whether he's anywhere close to the finish line. You really ought to read the story in Spin magazine. The headline: "D'Angelo: What the Hell Happened?" Fascinating — and also kind of heartbreaking.

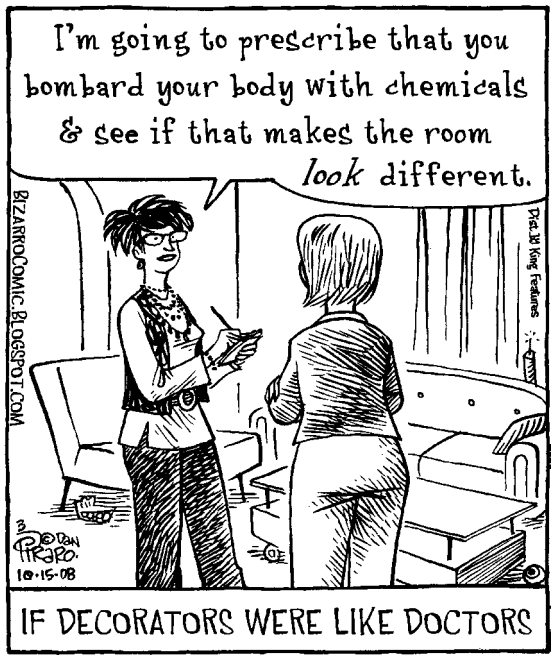
**We're worried about a 73-year-old POW camp survivor's being healthy enough for a presidential term when a seemingly healthy 42-year-old singer/dancer can't even make it to the Verizon stage for a couple of numbers off a new album that few people could name without checking Wikipedia? David Bowie did so much cocaine that he can't remember 1976 but never cancelled a show during his entire career until a heart attack and angioplasty in 2003. Janet Jackson has no respect for her fans or the stage.**

What does McCain have to do with the price of iced tea at the basketball arena in Chinatown? I dunno, could be that there's actually something wrong with Jackson — maybe she came down with Crohn's or is suffering from some other serious ailment, which, to me is a whole lot different than Bowie's snorting himself into a stupor. But if that's the case, though, doesn't she owe it to her fans to explain what's going on? Her camp has been weirdly quiet about this, which has some of Jackson's fans frustrated. Her record is still better than Sly Stone's, who continues to back out of concerts to this day.

**TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:** Washington Post columnist Steven Pearlstein will be online to discuss the ongoing financial crisis at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

# Look out

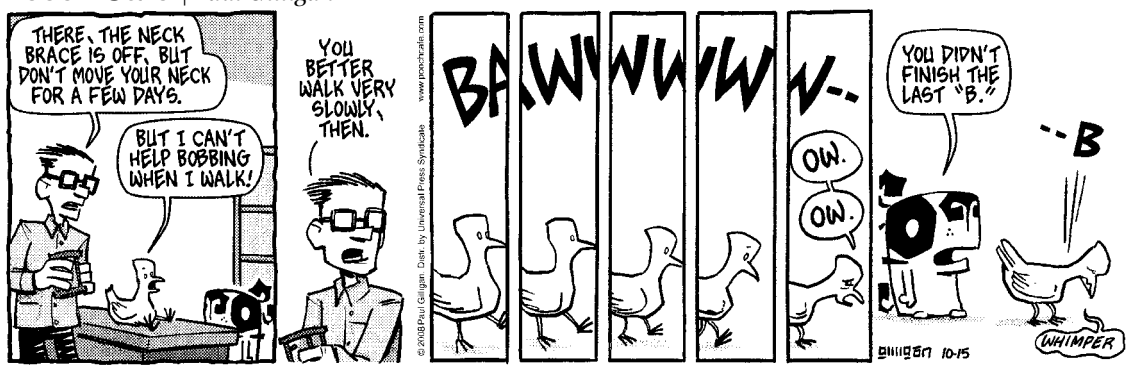
## Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*




## Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"You need to stop playing the victim. You're making me look bad."

## Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*

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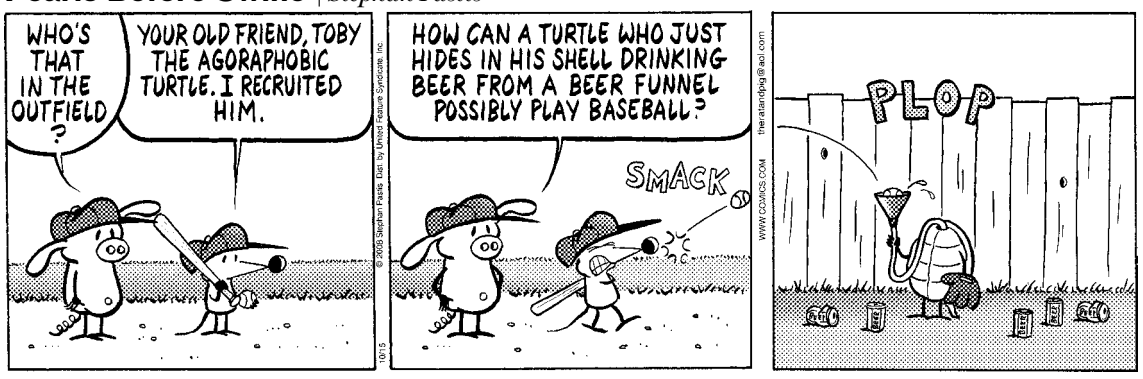


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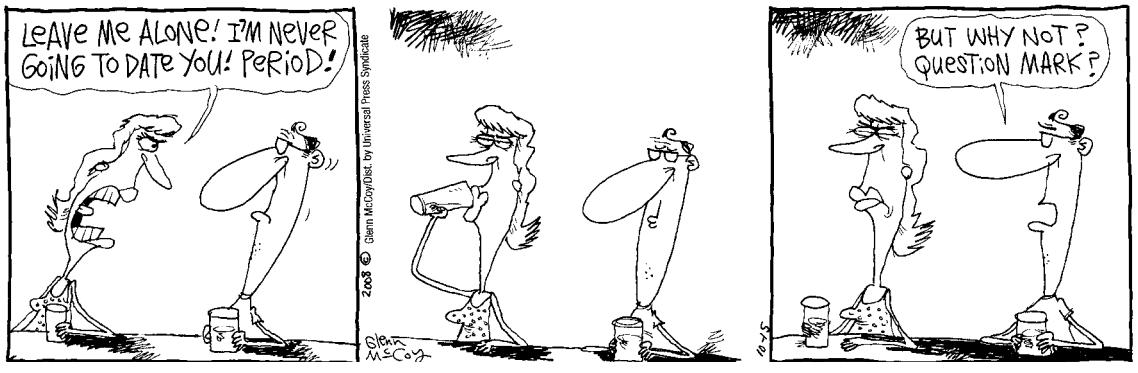


## Horoscope

*By Stella Wilder*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** A collection of ideas that seem unrelated as the day opens may prove to fit together well in a tapestry of creative potential later on.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Now is no time to shirk responsibility, or to be anything but punctual and well-mannered at meetings and social gatherings.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Others will be drawn to you as a result of an inner strength you display that you do not thoroughly understand.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Teamwork is essential. Don't refuse an offer of assistance merely because you want to be on your own. Give and receive help.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** This is a good day to make yourself available for developments that can benefit you either directly or indirectly, personally or professionally.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** This marks the beginning of one phase and the end of another, though it may be some time before you comprehend this significance.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You won't want to restrict yourself to the usual diet of activities — but many options may be just a bit too risky or dangerous for you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Some of your behavior is likely to defy comprehension — or even description. You're certainly following your own path at this time.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** This is one of those days when you may feel very much alone even in the middle of a crowd. You're after something different, that's all.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Those who know you may recognize a change that has been long in coming but that is nonetheless dramatic and permanent.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You won't have trouble finding things to do with your time, as others are expecting much from you; commit to one or more important projects.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You've been taking the blame for too long now, and it's time you insist that others bear some of the burden of a recent misfortune.

A Staten Island ferry slammed into a maintenance pier, above, on this day in 2003.

## Today in History

**1860** Grace Bedell, 11, of Westfield, N.Y., writes a letter to presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln, suggesting he could improve his appearance by letting his whiskers grow out.

**1917** Dutch dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for the Germans, is executed by a French firing squad outside Paris.

**1969** Peace demonstrators stage activities across the country, including a candlelight march around the White House, as part of a moratorium against the Vietnam War.

**1976** In the first debate of its kind between vice presidential nominees, Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole face off in Houston.

**2003** Eleven people are killed when a Staten Island ferry slams into a maintenance pier. (The ferry's pilot later pleaded guilty to 11 counts of manslaughter.)

**2007** The Colorado Rockies beat the Arizona Diamondbacks, 6-4, in game 4 to advance to the World Series for the first time.

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# Look out | People

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One of Janet Jackson's many doubles.

ELUSIVE

### Jackson, Kim Jong Il Have the Same Doctor

The doctor has again ordered **JANET JACKSON** to postpone a return to her "Rock Witchu" tour. Jackson was scheduled to resume her tour Monday night after canceling a show over the weekend in Connecticut. (AP)

RECYCLABLES

### Glass, No. 2 Plastic, Aluminum, Tim McGraw

**TIM MCGRAW** says Curb Records released a greatest hits package of his songs without his involvement. "I'm saddened ... that my label chose to put out another hits album instead of new music," McGraw said. (AP)

CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

RECOVERY

## AM Joins Jay-Z

**DJ AM**, who survived a plane crash last month in South Carolina, will appear on tour with Jay-Z. DJ AM, whose real name is Adam Goldstein, will join the rap mogul Wednesday at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles, said his publicist. It will be his first performance since suffering severe burns in the Sept. 19 crash at the main airport in Columbia that killed four passengers. (AP)

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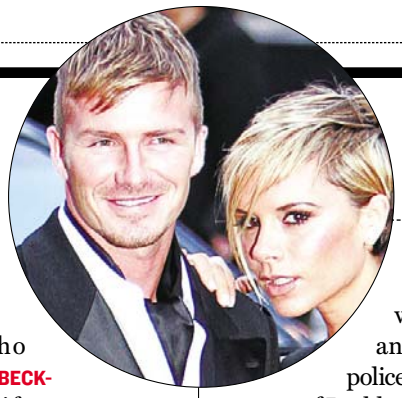
### A++++++++++++ Vendor Ranking Fails to Impress Authorities



Becks and Posh: Now available through PayPal.

Two people who worked for **DAVID BECKHAM** and his wife were arrested after some of the couple's possessions were spotted on eBay. Newspapers reported that two housekeepers at the Beckhams' mansion northeast of London were arrested and questioned by police last week. Some of Beckham's soccer memorabilia had been placed on eBay. Dresses belonging to **VICTORIA BECKHAM** were also reportedly for sale. No one has been charged. (AP)

TITLES

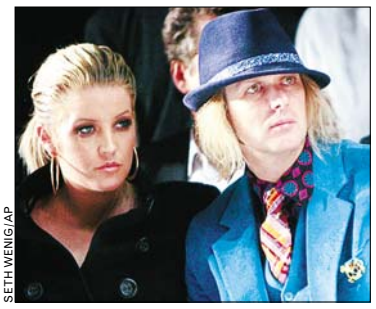
### 'From Paris With Seething Anti-American Venom'

A **JOHN TRAVOLTA** movie has suspended plans to film in one of the Paris area's toughest housing projects after 10 cars to be used in the movie were burned. Filming of the action movie "From Paris With Love" has been in progress for about two weeks. The filming set in the project known as Les Bosquets was scheduled to start this week. About 90 residents were cast in roles as extras. (AP)

SHARING

### Twins Each Given Half of One Full Name

**LISA MARIE PRESLEY** has named her newborn twin daughters Finley and Harper. Presley is married to music producer Michael Lockwood. She has a 19-year-old daughter, Riley, and a 15-year-old son, Benjamin, from her marriage to musician Danny Keough. (AP)



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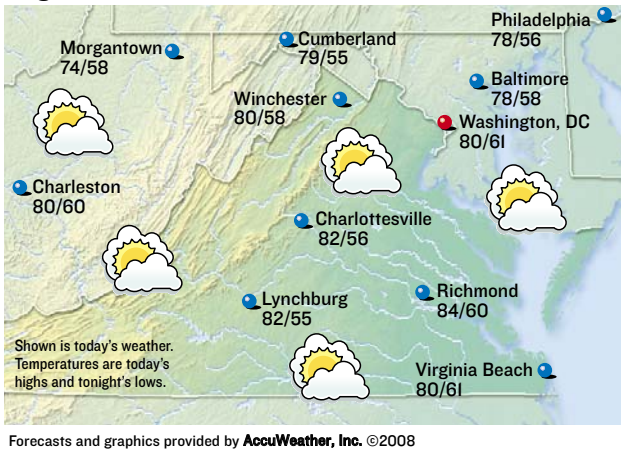
Lisa Marie Presley and Doctor Who.

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

| Today | Tonight | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly sunny, warm | Mostly cloudy | Variably cloudy, afternoon t-storm | Partly sunny, cooler | Mostly cloudy, showers possible | Partly sunny |
| 80° | 61° | 79° / 58° | 67° / 50° | 60° / 45° | 65° / 50° |

## Regional Weather

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## Almanac

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**Temperature**

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| High | 80° |
| Low | 58° |
| Normal high | 69° |
| Normal low | 50° |
| Average humidity | 62% |

**Precipitation**

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| 24 hours ending 4 p.m. | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.04" |
| Normal month to date | 1.52" |
| Year to date | 40.00" |
| Last year to date | 21.64" |
| Normal year to date | 31.68" |

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

## Regional Forecast

**D.C. Metro:** Today, partly sunny, warm. High 80. Wind north-northwest 4-8 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 61. Wind light, variable.

## Sun and Moon

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| Sunrise today | 7:18 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 6:29 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 6:41 p.m. |
| Moonset today | 8:15 a.m. |

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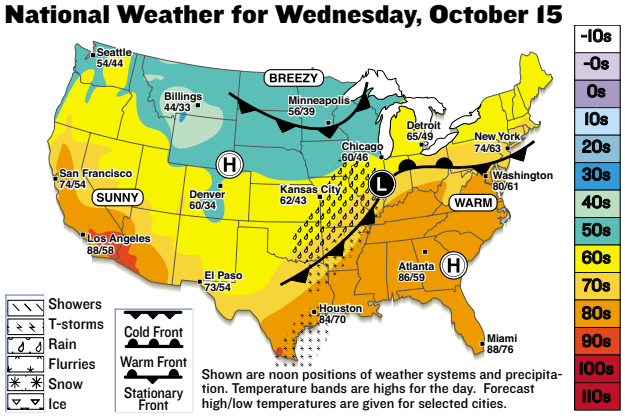
## National Weather for Wednesday, October 15




Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

## National Cities

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Thur. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 86/59/s | 84/62/s |
| Boston | 71/52/pc | 66/49/pc |
| Chicago | 60/46/r | 58/41/s |
| Dallas | 76/56/t | 71/54/c |
| Denver | 60/34/s | 65/37/pc |
| Honolulu | 86/74/c | 86/73/pc |
| Los Angeles | 88/58/s | 90/58/s |
| Miami | 88/76/pc | 86/75/s |
| New York City | 74/63/pc | 69/57/pc |
| Orlando | 87/66/s | 87/63/s |
| Seattle | 54/44/c | 56/50/r |

## World Cities

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Thur. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 61/52/sh | 63/48/sh |
| Athens | 75/63/pc | 77/63/s |
| Berlin | 57/48/c | 55/43/r |
| Buenos Aires | 68/54/pc | 68/54/s |
| Calgary | 46/22/pc | 50/27/pc |
| Dublin | 54/45/r | 57/43/pc |
| Geneva | 68/51/pc | 71/52/pc |
| Moscow | 50/41/pc | 48/43/pc |
| Rome | 73/58/pc | 72/55/pc |
| Sydney | 70/54/pc | 68/54/pc |
| Tokyo | 72/64/pc | 73/63/pc |

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

# Look out

## CROSSWORD | WELL-ROUNDED

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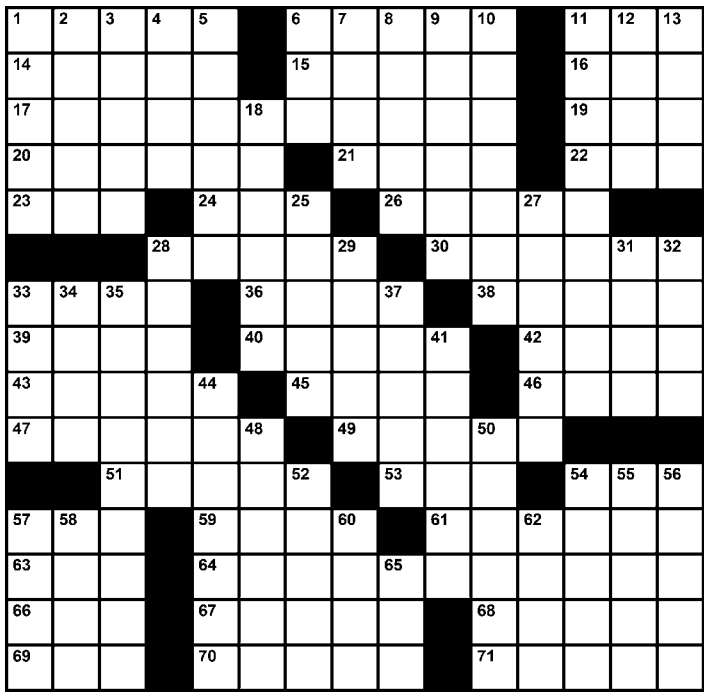

**ACROSS**
1 Swiss city on the Rhine
6 Les ___-Unis
11 Handle moguls?
14 Become a pair without an affair
15 Poisonous
16 Blood, so to speak
17 Long ride?
19 Pointy-eared sprite
20 Beat, as wheat
21 Gray timber wolf
22 Apt rhyme for "pursue"
23 Dim sum sauce
24 Go around in a carefree manner
26 Rock genre
28 Meltdown areas
30 It has a blind spot
33 Former major league manager Larry
36 Puddies, to Tweety
38 Cross-matching subject
39 Sixth-day creation
40 Iron output
42 Collect in the boardroom
43 Stable fathers
45 Daughter of Cronus
46 Small land mass
47 Repressed, as feelings
49 Shade of purple
51 Sinful city
53 Word to a well-trained boxer
54 Doe or heifer, e.g.
57 Delete, as a file
59 Carmela portrayer on "The Sopranos"
61 Farmer, essentially
63 Yeanling nurser
64 Yak it up big time
66 Potential school
67 Have pizza delivered, e.g.
68 Bond servant
69 Part of VSOP
70 "___ Remember" (from "The Fantasticks")
71 Lugged

**DOWN**
1 Conquers
2 Notwithstanding, briefly
3 Popular board game
4 Sword variety
5 "C'mon already!"
6 Biblical or ordinal suffix
7 Ring, as a bell
8 Self-evident principle
9 Woodcutter's cry
10 Went hastily
11 They never intersect
12 Drug bust figure?
13 Facts, briefly
18 Boardroom aids
25 One of Franklin's two certainties
27 Type of power or clock
28 Regained consciousness
29 Carnegie foundation?
31 Holiday song
32 Jocular Johnson
33 Enjoy the limelight
34 Jon Arbuckle's pooch
35 Star Trek travel term
37 Indian garments
41 Bad-mouth
44 Extra wager
48 Turndown to a spouse
50 Like a body in Newton's first law
52 "___ fresh" (mouthwash come-on)
54 It pours from pores
55 Laborious throw
56 Committed a faux pas
57 Round number
58 MP's concern
60 Better copy
62 Capital on a fjord
65 Beatle bride

### Yesterday's Solution

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**Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.**

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### Yesterday's Solution

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**IT'S JUST A SIGN OF THE TIMES:** As the nation continues to see widespread home loan foreclosures, new opportunities for ownership are knocking for first-time buyers in the District, Maryland and Virginia.

# Deal or No Deal?

## Low interest rates and a surfeit of bank-owned homes lure newbies

**CHARIS BOSWELL AND** Stanley Clayton almost didn't find their dream house because foreclosures were getting in the way. The 23-year-old and her 25-year-old husband saw two foreclosed homes in such bad shape that they nearly stopped looking at any bank-owned homes during their search. "Oh, my God," Boswell laughs. "They were so bad!" She

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"IT'S SURREAL. ON ONE SIDE OF THE EQUATION, THERE'S TOTAL DARKNESS, AND ON THE OTHER SIDE THE SUN IS SHINING BRIGHTLY." E10

# Bank to the Future

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says the basement in one house built in 2005 was completely moldy with water puddles all over the floor. The one that really rocked her had been intentionally damaged by the previous owners. "The closet doors were completely off, the walls were torn, and in the foyer, they broke some of the wood off throughout the entrance. As far as foreclosures, I didn't want to look at any more of them," she says.

> "Houses [are] offered at bargain-basement rates by banks anxious to dump them."

The couple and their three children — 5-year-old Jada, 3-year-old Isaiah and 11-month-old Caleb — had outgrown their Alexandria, Va., rental apartment and figured now was a good time to buy. "Our rent was going up to $1,800 [a month], and we wanted to put that toward a house that we'll own one day instead of throwing it away."

They're not alone. Plenty of first-time home-buyers are being enticed by the current market, with an enormous selection of houses offered at bargain-basement rates by banks anxious to dump them. In fact, foreclosures account for a huge chunk of the housing inventory.

"Based on what I've seen, foreclosures are the market," says Clint Burnham, an agent with Exit Advantage Realty in Fairfax, Va. "It's difficult right now to find a house that's not in some sort of foreclosure."

Burnham estimates the average client looks at 10 to 20 homes and all but one or two of them are somewhere within the foreclosure process (sometimes called an REO, which stands for real-estate owned). But just what kind of deal can you get on these haunts?

"The bank is still trying to make money," says Burnham. "Everyone wants to get a steal. Be realistic — be prepared to offer the standard 90 to 95 percent of list value, because banks won't consider offers that are below their numbers."

Unlike traditional home sales, houses that have been foreclosed on are typically marketed as-is. They may not be as trashed as the ones Charis Boswell and her husband saw, but that doesn't mean they're move-in ready. A property that's stood vacant for some time may have mold or other climate-related issues from being locked up. Even a recently vacated property was likely compromised when the previous owners couldn't make the mortgage payments, so roofing and siding, appliances and the electrical and HVAC systems may not have been properly cared for. At a minimum, most REOs require aesthetic atten-

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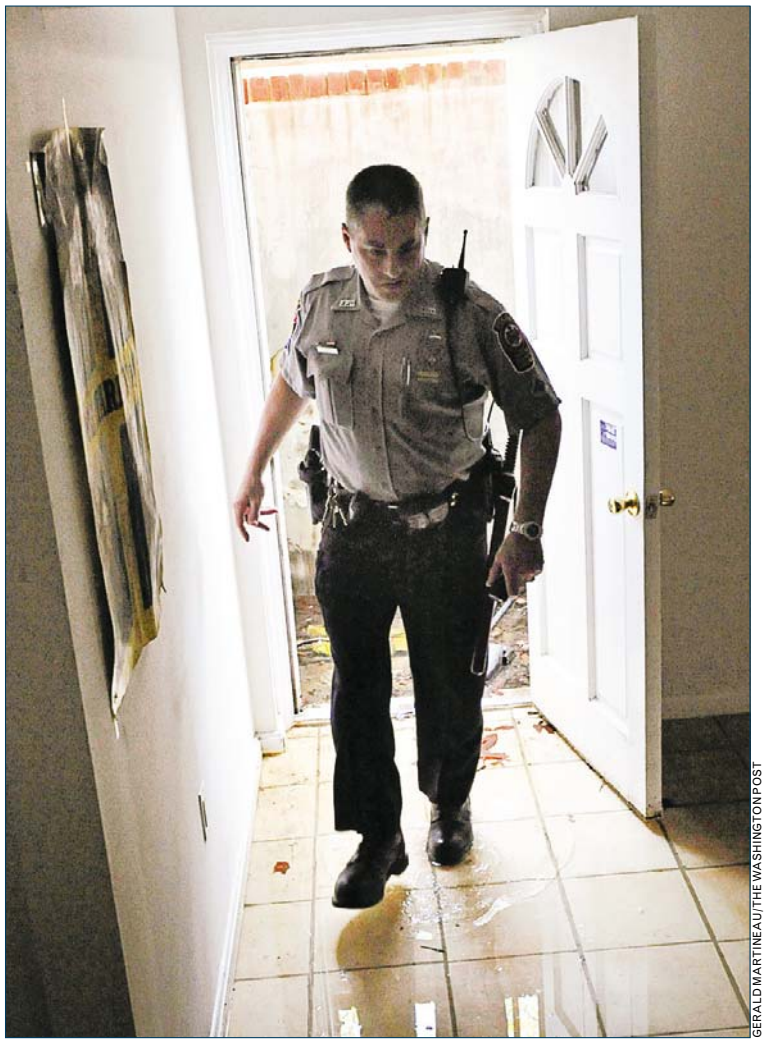
**THEY BREAK IT, YOU BUY IT:** Buyers beware: Some former owners strip homes before banks take control. A vacant and vandalized bank-owned house, below, can contribute to reduced values in neighboring homes. It's one more reason banks are eager to sell houses for reduced costs.

# HomeBuyer'sGuide



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Police officer Jim Comisky enters an abandoned, water-damaged home in Fairfax.

tion like new paint and flooring, and general handyman-type fixes.

Erik Gutshall, a general contractor with Clarendon Home Services in Arlington, Va., sees it all the time. "When you have a home with a lot of deferred maintenance, these are the kinds of things that get neglected. The heating and cooling system may need to be upgraded, and rotting wood or windows in an older home may need attention."

When an owner is selling his or her own home, those are things that might be negotiated within the sales price. Banks are much less likely to pony up for repairs, which can be costly and can substantially increase the chunk of dough being dropped on an otherwise-less expensive pad.

"You have to be willing to take on a certain amount of risk with a foreclosure," Gutshall cautions. Which, loosely translated, means buyers shouldn't sink every penny into buying the home, because unexpected expenses may crop up after settlement.

"Be ready to make repairs, and don't expect to get to buy the perfect home in the perfect condition," Burnham advises. "Have your criteria of what you need and stick to it when house hunting" so you don't get caught without the means to update your new home.

Of course, a good home inspector will catch most problems before settlement but, when it's a bank-owned home, the buyer's still very likely to be on the hook for fixing them.

Beyond repairs, foreclosed-on homes have their own set of potential legal pitfalls. D.C., Virginia and Maryland have a non-judicial foreclosure process that's handled outside of the court system. That means that if just one piece of the puzzle is not handled correctly, the proud new homeowner could be in for a nasty surprise.

"If the title company or foreclosure lender missed one part of the transaction, the previous owner could come back six months later and say, 'No, I still own the home,'" according to Raymond Sidney-Smith, a principle with Meridian Title in Alexandria. As a result, he emphasizes the critical need to pur-

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chase owner's title insurance and use a competent settlement firm or title company when buying a foreclosed property. "It's the cheapest insurance you'll ever purchase. Even if the claim is false, you'd still have to pay thousands of dollars in fees to defend yourself."

Sidney-Smith also warns that REOs may be challenging to buy. "The property may be encumbered by judgments, garnishment of wages, or property tax and homeowner's assessment liens," he cautions, which may make the home difficult to clear in a transfer. He advises that prospective buyers work with an experienced agent and title company to be sure all the I's are dotted and T's crossed.

The other thing buyers need when dealing with a bank instead of a private seller is patience. "When you're dealing with a seller, you usually make your offer and get an answer that same day," Burnham says. "With a bank, you're looking at three to five days for them to give you a counteroffer, and after you come back with your deal, you wait another three to five days."

It takes so much longer due to red tape and a whole different scenario. Banks are open only during business hours, as opposed to a homeowner who's willing to consider your offer at 8 p.m. To add to the delay, banks are inundated with thousands of properties to process, and they can handle only so much from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bottom line? "If you're looking to buy a foreclosure, start the process three to four months before you want to move in," Burnham says, "because it will take you awhile to find one that meets your criteria, then another month to negotiate and another 30 days to settle."

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**PAST DUE:** Food left to spoil in an abandoned refrigerator can be an unpleasant surprise inside many bank-sold homes.

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> **CLINT BURNHAM**, REAL ESTATE AGENT

Charis Boswell and Clayton Stanley got lucky. They started their search in early September and made an offer on a bank-owned, three-bedroom townhouse in Sterling, Va., by mid-month. They are set to settle in early October. Her main concern was the "as-is" status, but the bank was willing to pay to have the 1,600-square-foot home's water heater replaced. She is most excited about the two full bathrooms and two half-bathrooms in the new house, because it means "everyone has their own place." LYNN THORNE


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## Buyers are scoring serious deals with the banging of the auctioneer's gavel

Trisha Bayles, who has been saving for years to buy her first home, became flustered when bidding started on the house she wanted in Laurel.

"This guy in front of me said it was going for $210,000 and next thing I know the auctioneer is in the aisle saying: 'You want it for $200,000?'" Bayles said. "I'm, like: 'OK, sure.' Then I was, like: 'Did I get the house?' And then it was, like: 'Yes, yes. I got it!'"

In a matter of minutes, the 34-year-old had agreed to buy a two-story red brick home for less than half the $465,000 price it sold for about a year ago.

On display at the Washington Convention Center on Oct. 4 was the flip side of the gloomy consequences of the foreclosure crisis: a cheery scene of back slaps, congratulatory handshakes — and more than a few jitters — as people like Bayles snapped up homes at bargain prices.

Wearing tuxedos, auction assistants scurried up and down the aisles, pointing fingers, shouting

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**WHISTLE-BLOWER:** Fingers do the talking at an auction at the Convention Center.

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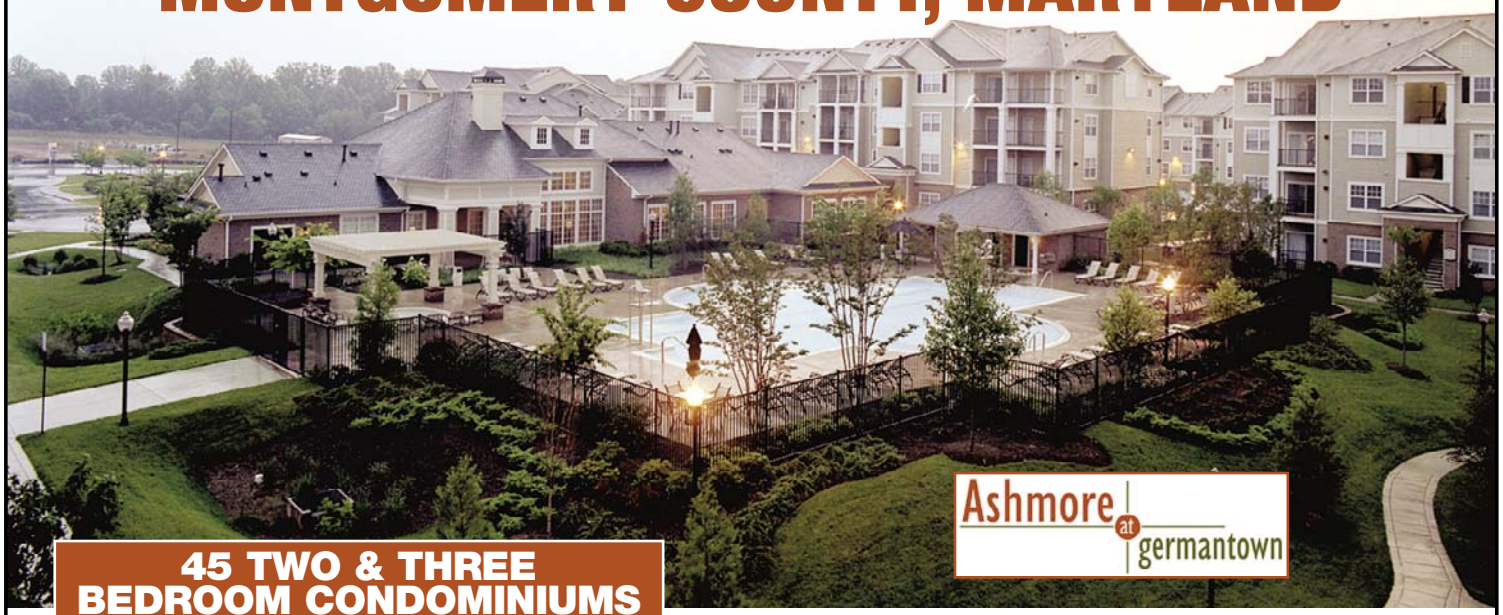


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**LITTLE AUCTION ANTE:** Pen in hand, Trisha Bayles is ready to sign for her bargain.

numbers, pushing to offload houses on behalf of some of the nation's largest lenders. By the afternoon, they wanted to be rid of about 400 single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums in the area. More than 4,000 registered bidders were expected to cycle through the two-day event.

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"It's surreal," said Rick Weinberg, spokesman for Real Estate Disposition Corp., the auction firm. "On one side of this equation, there's total darkness, and on the other side, the sun is shining brightly."

Long before Oct. 4, Bayles had been eyeing the small home in Laurel. But when she bid on it, she learned that the lender had yanked it off the market two days earlier to put it up for auction.

This is a common tactic for lenders who want to cut their losses. Instead of leaving a home to languish, many will turn it over to an auction company and move on.

The home Bayles bid on was listed by the lender for $285,000 when she spotted it. On Oct. 4, the four-bedroom colonial came with a killer opening bid: $99,000.

"It's moldy," said her father, William Bayles, who was with his daughter. "We're going to have to do a lot of work on it."

Bayles finished the paperwork on site. She plans to pay $23,000 for a down payment and closing costs, money she said she has been saving "all of my life."

Jeff Wilson, 23, was not so lucky.

He lost the three-bedroom colonial he wanted in Fort Washington, just a few doors down from where he lives with his mother.

Early in the day, when the home first came up for auction, another shopper outbid him. But the financing must have fallen through, because an hour later, the house was back on the auction block.

In 2005, the home sold for $354,900, and it has more recently been listed in the $260,000 range.

"We're getting it at $185,000," he said, pumping his fist and jabbing his friend and real estate agent Jelani Jackson, who bought his home from the same firm in June.

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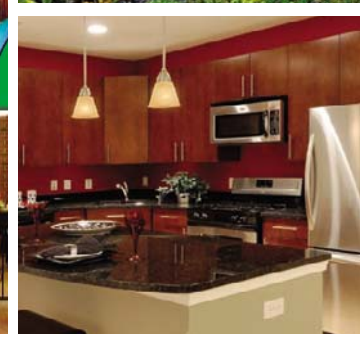

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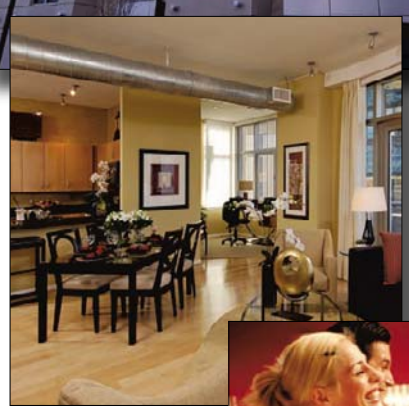

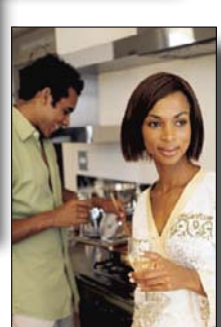

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But it did not.

Wilson had been pre-approved for a 30-year, fixed-rate loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration. But the appraisal on the house did not meet the notoriously strict FHA guidelines.

Wilson said he could have secured another type of loan if he were willing to make a larger down payment, but he chose not to. "I don't want it if it's not a steal," he said. "My back is not up against the wall. It's the lenders who have their backs up against the wall, not me."

Last year, the foreclosure situation was less dire in this region. In July 2007, there were 16 foreclosures for every 10,000 area properties. Now there are 216, according to George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis.

On Oct. 4, it was up to the lenders, not the auction house, to determine how low prices should go on these properties. Opening bids ranged from $1,000 for extreme fixer-uppers to $399,000.

Gordon and Dana Haraway — who already own a home but want to invest in real estate — bid on four homes before they finally clinched a two-bedroom townhouse in Alexandria for $160,000. They had toured it a few days earlier.

> **We had seconds** to make up our minds about spending hundreds of thousands of dollars. My stomach is in knots."
>
> **DANA HARAWAY**, AUCTION-GOER

But there's a catch. Their bid was below the minimum required by the lender. They'll now have to wait two weeks to find out whether the lender accepts it.

Gordon Haraway, a loan consultant, said he does not mind being in limbo. "It is over, in the sense that it's out of my hands."

Dana Haraway, clutching their paperwork after having spent more than an hour with a lender, was less relaxed. "We had seconds to make up our minds about spending hundreds of thousands of dollars," she said. "My stomach is in knots."

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# Other People's Property

## The nation's poor housing market is creating a new group of landlords

So, you own a home and think the market is ripe for you to buy another property and rent it out. After all, there are more homes on the market than banks have failures, prices are dirt-cheap and interest rates historically low. To sum it up: You need less money for a down payment, and the rates mean a lower monthly expense. You've always heard that real estate is a wise investment. What's not to like?

> "Banks are trying to liquidate as reasonably as possible but they're having a hard time."
>
> **BILL BURNETT**, HOMESTEAD MORTGAGE

It depends on who you ask. Helen Schubert Krause is the marketing director for Dominion Title Corporation in Great Falls, Va. She's also a first-time landlord, having just rented out her own house after moving into her new husband's digs. The 27-year-old says that, so far, it's been a good experience, albeit foreign.

"It was strange the first few times I drove by it. It's still my house, but I don't live there anymore," she says. "I thought about selling but decided to wait until the market turns around. Or maybe I'll just hang on to it longer," she adds.

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**UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES** Helen Schubert Krause moved out of her home and into her new husband's. "It was strange the first few times I drove by it. ... I don't live there anymore," says the rookie landlord.

Schubert Krause was forced to decide whether to sell or rent. But what if you're considering buying a second property as a rental income? Is buying a foreclosure as an investment now different than it was, say, five years ago?

"Absolutely," responds Bill Burnett, the regional vice president of the VA Association of Mortgage Brokers and the president of Homestead Mortgage in Lorton, Va. "There were far, far fewer foreclosures occurring then, and it was an active market, so they were quickly absorbed into the housing inventory. Prices didn't need to be dramatically decreased, because the market was on fire."

Today, it's barely flickering. Now with a historically high number of foreclosed-on homes on the market, and "because lending is tight and there are not as many people looking," Burnett says, the general principle of supply and demand still applies. "Banks are trying to liquidate as reasonably as possible, but they're having a hard time getting them off the market."

If all that whets your appetite to take the investing plunge, consider a few of the payouts you'll have to make. Beyond the initial cost of the crib, investors need to have money set aside for mortgage interest and taxes. Then there's the vacancy costs, which experts say you should figure is eight to 10 percent. You won't always have a renter in the house, and you need to know you can keep afloat during the off-times.

Tying into that is tenant turnover cost. When a renter moves out, you're not only stuck with the full amount of the mortgage but also the cost of advertising for a new tenant, and cleaning, repainting and repairing the property.

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And then there's regular maintenance. Before becoming a landlord, decide whether you can handle the handy work yourself or whether you need to hire someone. Even if you're an accomplished fixer-of-all-broken-things, a place in Prince George's County can eat up a lot of gas if you have to drive from Capitol Hill. Hiring a professional is clearly more expensive, but be realistic about how much time you have to devote to maintenance.

Schubert Kraus points out that buying a foreclosed property may cause less concern when it comes to maintenance. "With renters, you worry about them damaging something, but if you bought a foreclosure, you're probably less worried about it. You're more worried about getting your money."

Finally, consider how long you plan to own the house. The longer you hang onto it, the more you'll need to invest in maintenance, repairs and improvements. If you're looking to dump it once the market turns around, your output for those things should be relatively minimal. If you're thinking you'll hang onto it for 15 years, you'll likely face expenses including new appliances,

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## Take Time to Recalcute

**The world of investment properties has changed in the past few months — and not necessarily for the better. If you're looking to jump in and become a first-time landlord, here's some advice from local experts about borrowing money.**

➜ **DOUBLE DOWN:** Expect to break the piggy bank open — wide open. "You usually need a minimum of 15 percent down for an investment property, and, ideally, for good pricing, it should be 20 percent," says Will Gaines, senior loan officer with Access National Mortgage in Reston, Va. "To get your very most competitive pricing, you really need to have 30 percent to put down."

➜ **DOUBLE TROUBLE:** Don't blame the banks for tighter restrictions. "The private mortgage insurers got burned so, so bad in the past few years, and they're reluctant to provide insurance," warns Katie Wethman of Long & Foster. She says they're especially wary of insuring rental properties because "if a borrower falls on hard times, they're more likely to skip a payment on an investment property than one they live in." That said, she advises borrowers to come up with a big chunk of cold, hard cash to sweeten the deal; the less credit you need, the more likely you are to get the loan you want.

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➜ **DOUBLE UP:** Count on your friends. "I see more younger people going in together to buy investment properties," Gaines says. "That way, they can share the down payment and spread out the risk if they're without a renter for a period of time." Be sure to have a game plan for buying each other out in case one of you is ready to cry "Uncle!" before the other.

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## New Landlords

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roof replacement and some of the other more expensive joys of homeownership. When you're talking about a condo, some of these costs are covered. On the flip side, many condo associations have pretty strict guidelines about the number of units that can be rented, so be sure you dig into those restrictions, too.

**WISE CHOICES**

Despite the number of bank-owned homes to choose from, finding the right investment property takes work.

Once you have found the home you think suits your needs, "do your research," Schubert Kraus advises. "Drive through the neighborhood to get a feel for its condition. Talk to some of the neighbors to see how it is transitioning." For instance, are people keeping maintenance up on their homes? A renter doesn't want to live in a run-down neighborhood any more than you want to own a place in one.

**Before becoming, a landlord, decide whether you can handle the handywork yourself.**

Find out what the rentals go for in that area. You may find that your mortgage is more than you'll get in rent and you'll face a deficit month after month. A good real estate agent "should be able to tell you if the area is close to breaking even," Schubert Kraus says.

All of that taken into account, she comes down squarely on the "yes" side of foreclosures' being a good investment, as long as a good agent is involved. "Don't jump into anything too quickly, but I do think there are great investment opportunities out there."

Burnett feels differently. He says, even with the pros of buying in the current market, "it will take a year or two before we have full stabilization. We haven't hit bottom, and the bottom will not be a typical U-shape — it will be a very flat, long bottom. It could be five to seven years easily before you would regain any equity." LYNN THORNE


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**PEN PALS:** Confirm your agent's asking price before signing a listing contract.

# Willing to Negotiate

## Just like houses, commissions are open for haggling and bidding wars

Home sellers could save money by thinking of real estate commissions as an agent's asking price. It's something that's open to negotiation.

A new survey shows that sellers who were successful in negotiating lower commissions reported being just as satisfied with the service they received as were sellers who paid a commission of 6 percent or more.

Consumer Reports magazine wrote in its last issue about a survey of its readers who tried to sell a home from spring 2004 to spring 2007. Forty-six percent tried to negotiate a lower commission, and among that group, 71 percent succeeded. Even when they paid commissions of 3 percent or less, sellers reported being as content with the service they received as those who paid 6 percent or more.

Mark Kotkin, director of survey research for Consumer Reports, said he was surprised to find so little difference in consumers' opinions. "They saved thousands of dollars, and they were just as happy," he said.

It's fair to note that the survey covered some of the peak housing-boom years, when listings might have stayed on the market only a few days. It may be tougher to negotiate with agents now because they face the prospect of paying marketing costs for months. And it would be no surprise if sellers now express less satisfaction with agents who initiate difficult discussions about the need to lower their price.

**Your listing contract is with the broker, even though you're negotiating with an agent.**

Six percent is the number that comes up most frequently when talking about commissions. But nothing says 6 percent is a normal, typical or full-service fee. According to the Justice Department's Antitrust Division, the average commission has actually been in the 5 to 5.5 percent range throughout the past decade. You might bring that up in your negotiations if an agent

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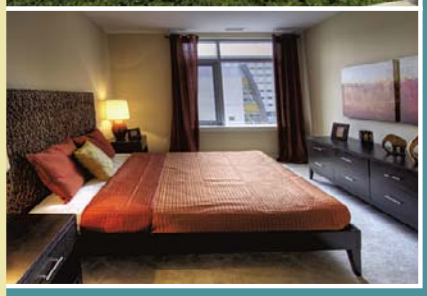

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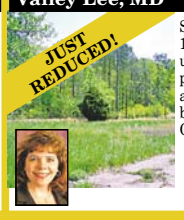


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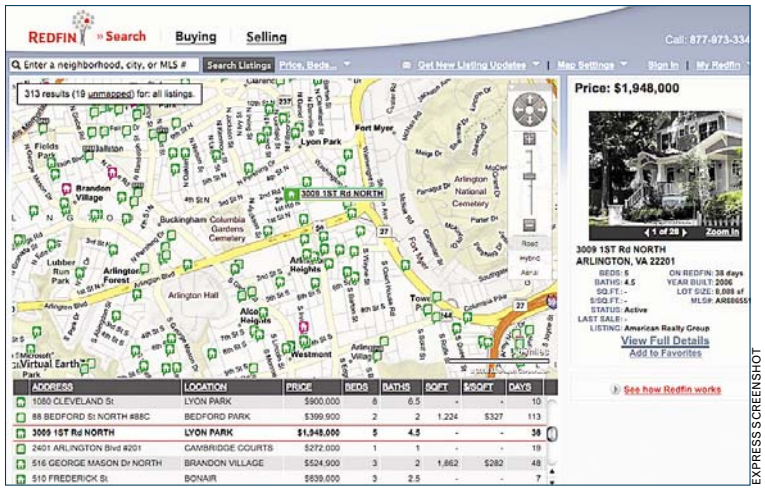


EXPRESS SCREENSHOT

**ALL OVER THE MAP:** Some businesses are built around discounted commissions.

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asks for 6 percent or more.

Consumer Reports said two types of agents are more likely than others to agree to a reduced commission. One is an agent working for a Re/Max brokerage. That's probably because Re/Max has an unusual business structure in which individual agents pay for expenses that are usually picked up by other brokerage companies. They have more control over their own businesses. The magazine said you might also have luck negotiating with an agent working for an independent brokerage, one that is not affiliated with one of the national chains.

> "They saved thousands of dollars, and they were just as happy."
>
> **MARK KOTKIN**, CONSUMER REPORTS

Chantilly, Va.-based Long & Foster is the nation's largest independent brokerage. Brenda Shipplett, president of the company, expressed some doubt about the idea that independents are more willing to negotiate. But, she added, "commissions have always been negotiable."

"Sometimes it's 6 percent; sometimes it's less; sometimes it's more. It depends on what the agent and seller agree to," she said.

Actually, sometimes it depends on what the agent, the agent's broker and the seller agree to. Brokers who manage local Long & Foster offices differ in their willingness to allow agents to negotiate discounts, Shipplett said. Remember, your listing contract is actually with the broker, even though you're negotiating with the agent who works under the supervision of that broker. "Some managers hold it a bit tighter," Shipplett said. "They want to ensure enough dollars are coming in."

She said a broker might allow an experienced agent more leeway in negotiating commissions than a newer agent. But that doesn't mean negotiation isn't possible with an agent who's on a shorter leash. It simply means you need to get the broker's agreement to a lower rate before you sign the listing contract.

Samson Realty, also based in Chantilly, has built its business on discounted commissions. The company, which works in Northern Virginia and parts of Montgomery County, calls itself the "home of the 4 percent to 4 1/2 percent full-service listings." Sellers pay only 4 percent if they also use a Samson agent to buy their replacement home; otherwise, the selling commission is 4 1/2 percent. Buyers get a commission rebate equal to $500 per $100,000 of the purchase price.

President Danny Samson says all brokerages are under pressure to lower their commissions in communities where they compete with him. "People are using us to get their sellers' commissions down. They'll say, 'We'll go with Samson if you don't come down to what they do.'" He sounded a bit irritated about the practice, relaying the message he gives sellers. "With us," he said, "we're extremely happy to have you at 4 1/2 percent." ELIZABETH RAZZI (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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